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## HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK: ONE FOR 20 OFFER FOR MERCANTILE SHARES

### How Strong Is The Church Of Rome?

How powerful are the Roman Catholics becoming in Britain? Could the day arrive when Mass will again be said in Westminster Abbey?

THESE are questions brought sharply into focus as a new Pope takes over the spiritual leadership of 450 million Christians.

Today one person in ten in Britain is a Roman Catholic.

WHAT impact have they on the rest of the nation?

WHAT influence does the Roman Catholic community exert in business, politics, the arts, and entertainment?

WHAT is the truth about the converts and WHO are the celebrities who have found in the Roman Catholic Church the answer to their problems?

A China Mail writer has been investigating the changing life of Britain and he has chosen the Roman Catholics as the subject of his first article in a fascinating new series, *THE FAITHS BY WHICH WE LIVE*. In it he will examine the beliefs, practices, finances, and personalities of the great religious communities.

This important study by Bernard Harris begins in Saturday's China Mail.

### Alternative Of 44 Shillings Per Share Payment

A new step in the proposed merger of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and the Mercantile Bank was announced in Hongkong and London today.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank issued the following statement:

#### Mrs Roosevelt Denies She Practises Yoga

New York, Dec. 23. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt today denied a report that she practised yoga when she lived in the White House. She admitted, however, that she used to be able to stand on her head.

Mrs. Roosevelt, in her *McCall's* magazine column, "If you ask me," replied to a letter asking if it was true, as novelist Fannie Hurst said in her autobiography, that she performed a yoga exercise that involved standing on her head while she was First Lady.

"I'm afraid that Miss Hurst has exaggerated slightly," Mrs. Roosevelt replied. "I did, and can do, exercises every morning, but I did not know they were called yoga exercises."

"Certainly not for a long time have I attempted to stand on my head, though there was a time in my life when I could accomplish this feat!"—U.P.I.

The Boards of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and Mercantile Bank Limited announced that agreement has now been reached in principle, subject to formal contract, under which The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank will make an offer to the shareholders of Mercantile Bank Ltd to acquire their shares in exchange for new shares of The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank to be issued, credited as fully paid on the basis of one new share of The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank for every 20 shares (ex-dividend) of Mercantile Bank Ltd.

#### Not Rank

The new shares of The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank will not rank for the final dividend for 1958, but thereafter will rank pari passu with the existing shares.

Such new shares will be registered on the London register. The directors of Mercantile Bank Ltd have agreed to recommend this offer for acceptance.

In addition, for the benefit of those who might feel unable to become shareholders of The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, the directors of Mercantile Bank Ltd are to be given the right to take cash at the rate of 44 shillings per share (ex-dividend) of Mercantile Bank Ltd.

#### The Offer

The offer will be conditional (inter alia) upon acceptance in respect of 90% (or such lesser percentage as The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank may decide) of the shares of Mercantile Bank Ltd. Limited other than those already held by The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, the creation of the new shares of The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank referred to above, and permission to deal in and quotation for such shares being granted by the council of the Stock Exchange, London.

If the offer is successful, without committing the board of The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank with regard to its future policy, it is the intention to retain the identity of Mercantile Bank Ltd with its Head Office and board in London.

THE editor and staff of the China Mail wish all readers a happy Christmas.

There will be no China Mail tomorrow or on Boxing Day but the weekend China Mail packed with features and pictures and a roundup of the holiday news will appear at the usual time on Saturday morning.

The SCM Post will be published tomorrow but not on Boxing Day or Saturday. The Sunday Post-Herald will be published as usual.

Inside on page 2 today, film critic Anthony Fuller has reviewed the films being shown in Hongkong over the holidays. There is also a special notice about television programmes.

### DISPUTE OVER HOW LONG IS AN INCH NEAR END

London, Dec. 23. A long-standing factual difference of opinion between the United States and Britain, all over five millionths of an inch, is on its way towards a settlement.

One possible result of that settlement is that the British inch may become five millionths longer.

It is a 20-year-old question raised before the war when it was officially recommended that something should be done to make American and British inches the same length.

More recently, the Royal Society, the Board of Trade and Commonwealth officials have taken the problem up.

#### DISPARITY

The disparity arises because the American inch is tied to the metric system, while the British inch, by Act of Parliament, is based on the Imperial Yard.

Today a spokesman at the national physical laboratory said: "While the matter is still under discussion, there is a move towards relating the British and American inches, but the final details are not settled."

Some reports from the United States suggest this Anglo-American difference will be settled by an announcement to be made on New Year's Day.

### NOAH WAS AN ALBINO DOCTOR SAYS

London, Dec. 24. Noah, who built the ark during the biblical flood was an albino with white hair, pink eyes and skin like snow, a British doctor suggested today.

Dr. Arnold Sorsby, research professor in Ophthalmology at the Royal College of Surgeons and the Royal Eye Hospital, quoted from the little known books of the Apocrypha.

Writing in the British Medical Journal, Dr. Sorsby said it could be that Noah's father and mother were either brother and sister or cousins.

Giving a detailed account of Noah's birth from the book of Enoch, Dr. Sorsby described how Lamech—Enoch's grandson—was the father of a child—"the flesh of which was white as snow and red as a rose; the hair of whose head was white like wool and long; and whose eyes were beautiful. When he opened them he illuminated all the house like the sun; the house abounded with light."

#### Married Sister

Dr. Sorsby quoted from one of the Dead Sea scrolls which seemed, he said, to tell the story of Lamech's doubts as to whether the child was his wife. "In the light of this fragment the account of Noah's appearance at birth as given in the book of Enoch is clearly not that of a miraculous child but of an albino," Dr. Sorsby said.

He also quoted interpreters of the scroll as saying that Lamech married his sister. They based this conclusion on the fact that Lamech was called "brother" by his wife. "If this were so—and such relationship was not particularly unusual in primitive societies—Noah becomes the offspring of an extreme type of consanguineous marriage, and his albinism would illustrate not only the antiquity of the tradition but also that the first recorded case showed parental consanguinity," he added.

#### SHIP'S ENGINE ROOM GUTTED

Tokyo, Dec. 23. A 7,275-ton British freighter, English Prince, with 30 crewmen on board en route for Kobe from Shanghai, was on fire this afternoon, the Japanese coast-guard reported.

The fire was brought under control after it had gutted the engine room.—Reuter.

came down at Christmas. Now the world is at the crossroads again. It is either Bethlehem or materialism. It cannot be both. And which, over it, men will have to face the issue boldly.

If we are merely the inhabitants of a cooling dying planet, and if we are but a smear on the slide of some observing scientist, then let that be our faith, and let us take on the nature of a tiger and fight within this sphere of hatred. But if we believe God came to Bethlehem for our sake, as the carols we all sing this Christmas claim, then let us adjust our lives according to our belief.

We do not exaggerate. Within the last decade, five hundred millions have been brought under the influence of a creed that sees progress through hatred, while every code of honour we cherish, every enlightening law we possess, every charitable institution whether voluntary or state endowed, began at Bethlehem. Let us then at this time adjust our lives and arrange our thoughts to be consistent with our faith in Bethlehem.

### Christmas Water Supply Bonus

The Water Authority today announced a Christmas bonus supply.

Tomorrow the Colony will have water continuously from 8 am to midnight.

The Colony will also get a full supply over the New Year holiday.

The water will be turned on at 4.30 p.m. on December 31 and will continue until midnight the following day, January 1.

### Queen Joins In Carols With Villagers

Sandringham, Dec. 23. Queen Elizabeth and other members of the British Royal family tonight joined a party of villagers from nearby Dorsingham in carols at the Royal home here.

The carollers, 22 of them, had been outside Sandringham house singing "Christmas Awake" when they were invited in by Captain the Lord Plunket, the Queen's Equerry.

They were shown into a drawing room, where seated in a semi-circle, were the Queen, the Prince of Wales, Princess Anne, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Princess Margaret, the Duchess of Kent—the Queen's aunt—and Princess Alexandra, the Duchess of Kent's daughter.

There they sang three more carols, with the Royal family joining in. Then the Queen asked "The First Noel."—Reuter.

### DRIZZLE & COOL WEATHER FOR XMAS

Christmas holiday weather is expected to be dull, drizzly and cool.

The Royal Observatory reported this morning that between 3 a.m. and 10 a.m. today, 12 of an inch of rain was recorded.

Forecasting the holiday weather, they do not expect much improvement. The weather will tend to be slightly cooler over the next few days.

Christmas morning should be cloudy and drizzly, with a possibility of the dull weather staying around in the afternoon.

### Christmas Tussle

Dallas, Dec. 23. Mr. Troy Hill has a Yuletide problem.

He is expecting 30 guests for Christmas dinner and has a 30-pound turkey in his refrigerator, but the handy brook off the door two days ago—and he is still tugging to get at the bird.—Reuter.

## Russia Creating New Type Of Army

Bonn, Dec. 23. A Soviet helmet made of quarter-inch lead had been discovered on the Turkish border, and it is said it might be to protect Russian soldiers in nuclear warfare.

Quoting a correspondent in Ankara, Der Deutsche Soldat, a West German publication devoted to military matters, said the helmet had apparently rolled down a slope from the trans-Caucasian border into Turkish territory where it was found.

The Ankara correspondent said a Russian officer who detected and crossed into Turkey told him that Soviet tactical and strategic training had recently been changed and officers were again being instructed in the art of static warfare.

According to the Soviet military experts, in atomic warfare there could be no successful defence based on

### STOP PRESS

Independent, highly technical mobile units such as the West employed, the magazine said.

They were therefore creating a "lead-armoured army" which would be equipped to survive under lead cupolas in trenches and foxholes, and then resume fighting with conventional weapons.

The magazine said special units were already equipped with asbestos uniforms and lead cupolas.

The lead helmet found by a Turkish patrol near the border covered the face and head completely, and rested on the shoulders, the magazine said. It had two sliding lead shutters to cover the eye openings.

Its weight made the wearer feel his knees sagging.—Reuter.



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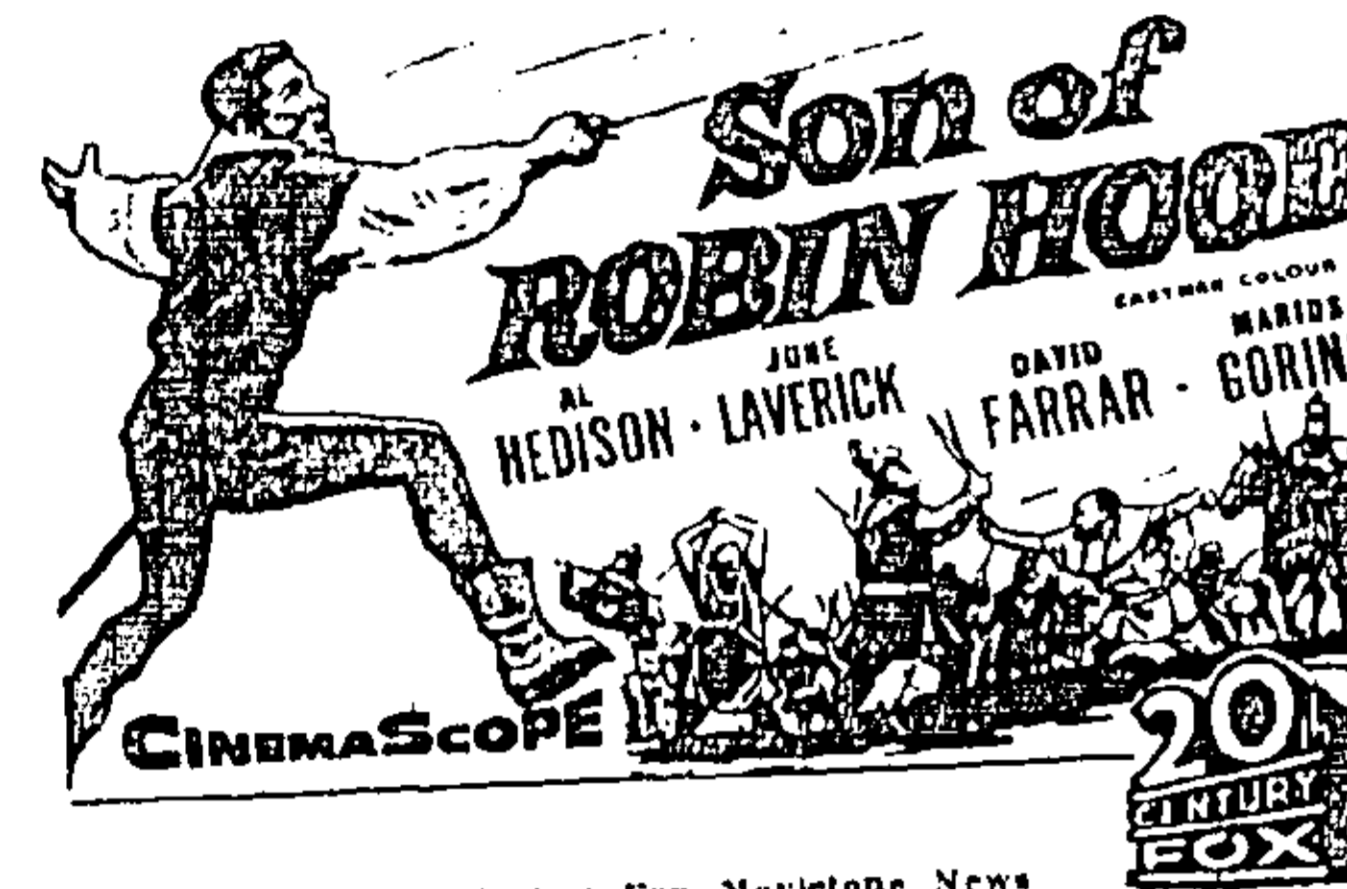


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ADDED: Latest 20th Century-Fox Movie News

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Kenneth More will delight Hong Kong Audiences in this role,  
and Jayne Mansfield emerges as a new personality—  
you will be amazed by her performance!



BOOK EARLY!

BROADWAY: 5 Shows To-morrow & on 26th Dec.  
Extra Performance of  
"THE SHERIFF OF FRACTURED JAW"  
At 12.15 p.m.

ROXY: Morning Show To-morrow At 12.00 Noon  
20th Century-Fox presents in CINEMASCOPE & COLOR  
"LOVE IS A MANY SPLENDOROUS THING"  
starring: Jennifer Jones & William Holden

At Reduced Prices —  
MORNING SHOW ON SUNDAY, 28TH DECEMBER  
ROXY: At 12.00 Noon BROADWAY: At 12.15 p.m.  
20th Century-Fox presents in CINEMASCOPE & COLOR  
"BETWEEN HEAVEN AND HELL"  
starring: Robert Wagner

At Reduced Prices —  
BROADWAY: Special Morning Show on Sunday, 28th Dec.  
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— FINAL TO-DAY —  
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Morning Show To-morrow  
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SHOWING TO-DAY  
At 2.30, 5.20, 7.30  
& 9.30 P.M.



Morning Show To-morrow  
at 12.10

"THE BLUE CONTINENT"

# FILMS CURRENT & COMING

by ANTHONY FULLER

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS to you all.  
This year, your film fare  
is varied with the emphasis upon fun. In fact,  
the Star and the Metro-  
pole are the only  
cinemas playing straight  
stuff, with the Hoover  
and Paramount giving  
out melodrama.

The King's and Princess  
are trotting out Jerry Lewis in a  
goofy comedy, with the ver-  
satile Lewis going through all  
his paces. The Lee and Astor  
are presenting the Norman  
Wisdom slapstick farce, "The  
Square Peg." This has been  
specially flown out to give the  
fans a laugh for Christmas.

The Roxy and Broadway are  
also relying on comedy with  
Kenneth More's "The Sheriff  
of Fractured Jaw." He along  
with Jayne Mansfield, make a  
fine comedy team, and I should  
not be surprised if they are  
paired again in a remake of  
"Ruggles of Red Gap."

With the emphasis on  
laughter, hope this holiday  
works out as a delightfully full  
of fun as the cinemas would  
have it.

★  
"THE Badlanders," is  
a colourful piece of  
violence, which suggests  
the seasons greetings as,  
thick ears and black  
eyes to all men of bad  
will.

The script, has goodbirds Alan  
Ladd and Ernest Borgnine  
released from prison, and making  
a beeline for a gold mine which  
Ladd intends to rob, that some  
kind of justice (never quite  
clear) might be done.

They rob the mine, thwart a  
double cross, and get the girls  
they want. "The Badlanders"  
is a trite plot, saved by colour-  
ful camera work, and strong  
direction of the suspense  
sequences.

Ladd, who always throws his  
full weight and fists, into this  
kind of film, puts up a good  
show in a literally shocking  
scene, as he introduces a change  
with the weapons of violence,  
when he and Borgnine face  
back in the river, and fight  
each other with chains.

The reciprocal massacre  
incident which of necessity ac-  
companies a film of this kind,  
is shot out before the colourful  
background of the Mexican  
Cinco de Mayo celebration.  
Never was the long arm of  
coincidence stretched so far to  
help our dubious heroes in dis-  
tress.

Romance, raw, rugged, and  
revolving, is introduced by  
Katy Jurado, in a quite un-  
necessary sequence which  
assures the audience she is the  
Mexican village's rough and  
ready gynaeceologist.

Claire Kelly brings romance  
to the rough Alan Ladd, and  
after a spell of broken jaws,  
gunshot wounds, and collapsing  
mines, and last minute escapes,  
Alan leaves happily on a coach  
full of Claire Kelly.

He leaves because he's given  
his word to the Sheriff!

Well, there it is, and  
if you feel there is too much  
peace and goodwill about this  
year, a visit to the Hoover and  
Paramount will restore your  
violent mind.

★

LUXURY yachts, blue  
Mediterranean skies,  
remorseful and not so  
remorseful playboys, a  
repentant model who  
has fallen for the old,  
old story, constitute the  
ingredients of "Raw  
Wind In Eden," the  
Christmas Holiday  
choice by the Star and  
Metropole.

Jeff Chandler, the ex-playboy,  
and Esther Williams as the dis-  
illusioned model, team up to  
give us this piece of romance,  
which also has Rosina Podeschi,  
Carlos Thompson, and Rik Bat-  
taglia in the cast.

Credit for this film belongs to  
Carmen Amazo Serafin. He  
has caught some beautiful  
scenes, contrasting the varying  
tunes of the ocean with a  
crazy cliff, as symbolizing the  
emotions of the central charac-  
ters.

The story is as old as the  
background against which it is  
filmed. Carlos Thompson and  
Esther Williams are wrecked  
upon this enchanted island,  
where ex-playboy Jeff Chandler  
is sheltering from the cruel  
world.

Here hearts and fists become  
entangled until the love affair  
is smothered out accompanied by  
a few sound-amplified notes of  
the love theme in Cinemascope  
and Eastman Colour. "Tory

Wind In Eden," is the only  
romantic film showing over  
Christmas, and the return of  
Esther Williams will be wel-  
comed by her many fans.

★  
THE King's and Prin-  
cess are showing  
the happy-go-lucky  
"Rock-A-Bye-Baby," as  
their Christmas fare.

This VistaVision and Techni-  
colour comedy, fringed with  
napkins, Talcum powder, and  
serenaded every now and again  
with a song, concerns a goofy  
small-town lad who takes no  
more than he bargains for,  
when he becomes the temporary  
father of a film star's triplets.

The story is slight, and is  
held together by some ever-  
green gags and novel stunts,  
which have you laughing,  
as they are. One in  
particular which was brought  
out of the stunt cupboard,  
dusted, and placed in the film,  
reminds you of filmland's early  
days of stony-eyed vamps and  
drooping villains.

This is a crocodile on the  
 Nile, which really sheds tears  
when it is coshed by an irate  
producer.

TV is taken for the biggest  
rice film and has yet under-  
taken, when Jerry Lewis is  
given the role of geyling the  
 commercials. Really good,  
splendidly vicious, a blow right  
in the centre of the TV screen.  
The film effectively varies its  
jokes, adds popular sentiment,  
and logically introduces a num-  
ber of catchy tunes.

Jerry Lewis sings pleasantly,  
dances cleverly, and acts  
naturally as the big-hearted  
goof, Clayton.

Marilyn Maxwell and Connie  
Stevens score in contrast as  
Carole and Sandy, and Baccaloni,  
Reginald Gardner, and Isabel  
Elson head a first rate sup-  
porting team.

Sly digs at Hollywood, and  
vicious digs at TV heighten the  
fun, and the fade-out is a riot.  
No film exists in the film, and  
lush settings should make  
"Rock-A-Bye-Baby" a holiday  
riot for Hongkong.

★

THE funny little-  
man comedy, "The  
Square Peg," has us  
back to the war days, in a  
tremendous battle be-  
tween the Pioneer  
Corps, and the local  
Borough Council.

Norman Wisdom, as champion  
of the latter, loses the fight with  
the War Office, and finds him-  
self a member of the said Corps.  
It is silly, but extremely funny  
as for instance when Norman  
puts his "Stop and Go" board at  
"Stop" while he makes his tea.

A Brass Hat sitting irritably  
in his car is of no consequence,  
while Norman fights out his first  
battle with Sergeant Campbell  
Singer.

When the War Office re-  
taliate by lining up the road  
section of the local Borough  
Council, and Norman finds him-  
self among old enemies, not  
even his threat of calling Mr  
Grimsdale the Borough Sur-  
veyor (Edward Chapman) is of  
any avail.

As a member of the Pioneer  
Corps, the one bright spot in  
Norman's life is Honor Black-  
man, an A.T.S. Officer who  
soon joins the French  
resistance.

Norman Wisdom is full of  
slapstick in this film, and tries  
every gag in his book.

In A.T.S. dress, flirting  
coily with the sergeant, as a

volunteer driver to Miss Black-  
man; as a parachutist uncon-  
sciously behind German lines,  
still sitting in a hut making tea;  
all this and more make a  
farrel film of real Wisdom  
vintage.

How he saves the resistance  
leaders, belongs to the plot, such  
as it is, but a sequence leading  
up to it can be mentioned without  
revealing the story.

Norman survives behind the  
lines, because of his likeness to  
the German Colonel.

Obviously, the next step is to  
take the Officer's place, which  
Wisdom does, only to find him-  
self landed with the Officer's  
prima-donna mistress.

His gags while he takes over  
this role, are too funny for  
words, including the quick  
draw, for the role which he does  
quite well. Don't expect a  
classic, don't go in carping  
mood; go for the sheer fun of the  
thing.

Norman Wisdom and Honor  
Blackman star, with magnificent  
support given by Edward  
Chapman as Mr Grimsdale, the  
Borough Surveyor (and a man  
cannot rise higher in Norman  
Wisdom's opinion). Campbell  
Singer as the Sergeant, and  
Hattie Jacques as the Valkyrie  
Prima-donna.

A riot, a fun excursion to  
cuckoodom, madder than the  
Mad Hatter, Wisdom completely  
without wisdom behind the  
enemy lines.

★

"THE Sheriff of  
Fractured Jaw"  
has already quite a few  
interested fans awaiting  
its arrival. This 20th  
Century-Fox British  
comedy selected as the  
Holiday film, by the  
Roxy and the Broadway  
sets out as the Western  
to end all Westerns.

In its jovial manner, it takes  
every gag used by every Western  
since Westerns began, and gags  
them up hill and down dale.

# U.S. Film Company Is 'Terribly Distressed'

Tokyo, Dec. 23.

A representative of the  
Twentieth Century Fox  
Film Corporation said  
today it was "terribly  
distressed" over com-  
ments on the film "Inn of  
the Sixth Happiness" at-  
tributed in Taipei, For-  
mosa, to Miss Gladys  
Aylward, the film's real-  
life heroine.

Miss Aylward, British-born,  
Chinese-naturalised missionary  
who now lives in Taipei, was  
reported from there to have  
objected to some scenes in the  
film and said she had not been  
recompensed for it.

Miss Aylward was quoted in  
a report as objecting to love  
scenes in the film on the ground  
that "I have never had a love  
scene in my life."

Another report from Taipei  
last February reported the mis-  
sionary, formerly a campaigner  
against the old Chinese practice  
of binding women's feet, as

objecting to scenes of it in the  
film because she did not like  
over-emphasis on it.

Ingrid Bergman plays Miss  
Aylward in the film, now show-  
ing in London.

Mr Edward Ugast, the film  
company's Far East supervisor,  
said Miss Aylward had signed  
a release agreement before the  
film was made from Alan  
Buckley's biography of her, "The  
Small Woman."

Twentieth Century Fox had  
dealt with the book's publisher  
and understood that Miss Ayl-  
ward was sharing in the pro-  
ceeds of the book's sales and  
the sale of the film rights, Mr  
Ugast added.

Mr Ugast said today "The  
Inn" had not been shown in  
Formosa. He was sure Miss  
Aylward would find nothing to  
object to if she were to see the  
film.—Router.

# CHRISTMAS DAY TELEVISION

Tomorrow — Christmas Day  
— for the first time since the  
inauguration of television in  
Hongkong, viewers will be able  
to watch special features  
announced with the huge  
television audiences in the  
United Kingdom and throughout  
the Commonwealth.

This has been made possible  
by the close co-operation which  
has now been established be-  
tween the BBC and the various  
TV networks in the Common-  
wealth and three programmes

of particular interest have been  
made available to Hongkong.

At 2.35 p.m. viewers can see  
"A Greeting For Christmas"  
which tells something of the  
history and development of the  
Christmas card.

The BBC's traditional carol  
singing programme comes this  
year from Chelham College and  
a special tele-recording of it has  
been flown to the Colony. It is  
called "Here We Come  
Awassailing" and it will be  
screened at 5 p.m.

The viewing audience in the  
United Kingdom will sit down  
at 2.30 p.m. to watch the annual  
feature which leads up to the  
Christmas message from Her  
Majesty, The Queen.

In Hongkong the programme  
will be screened at 10.30 p.m.  
and Her Majesty's message will  
be heard at 11 p.m.

Other highlights of the  
Christmas Day TV schedule are  
the children's party from 4 to  
6 p.m. and the Christmas  
edition of television signaw at  
8.20 p.m.

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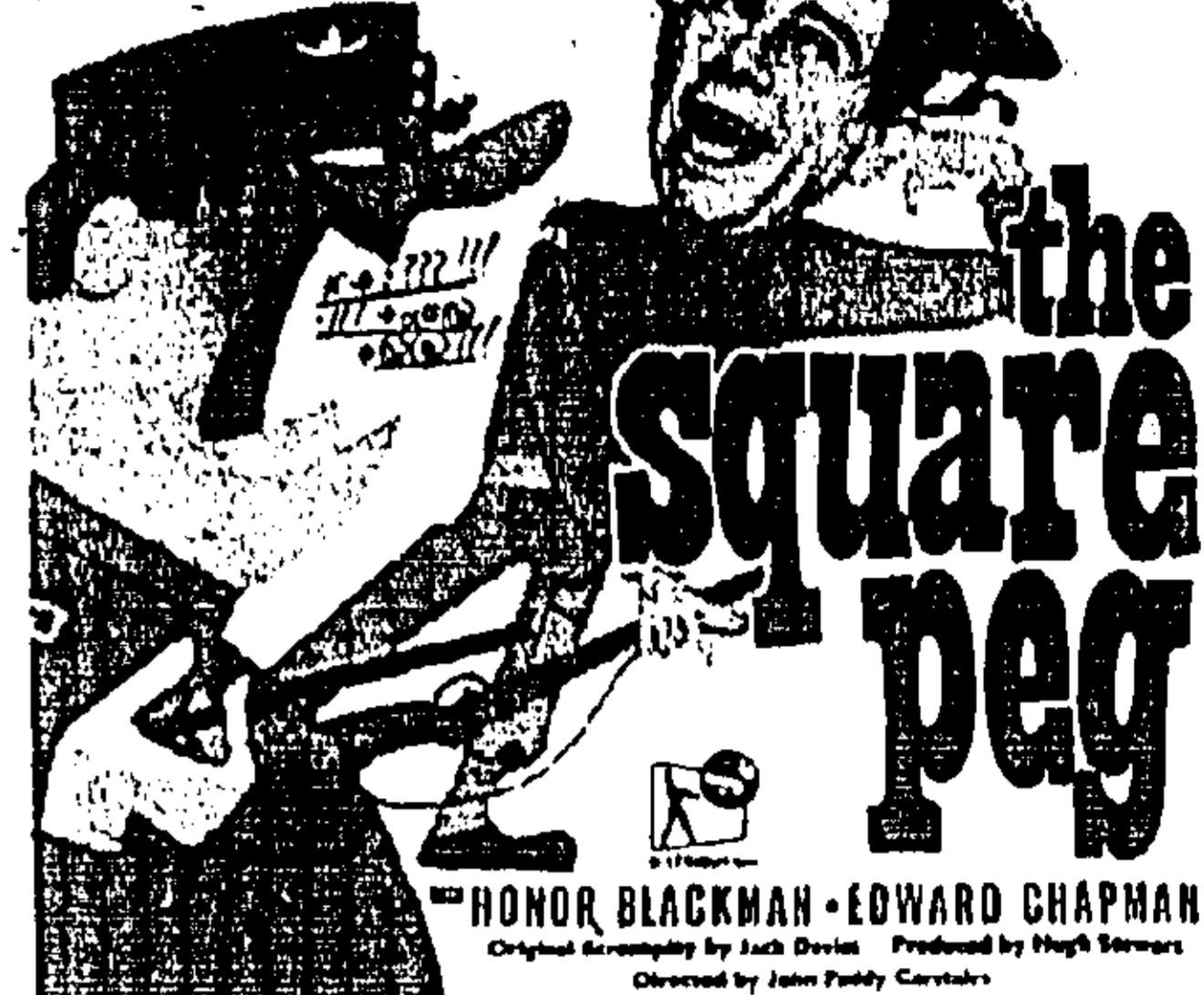
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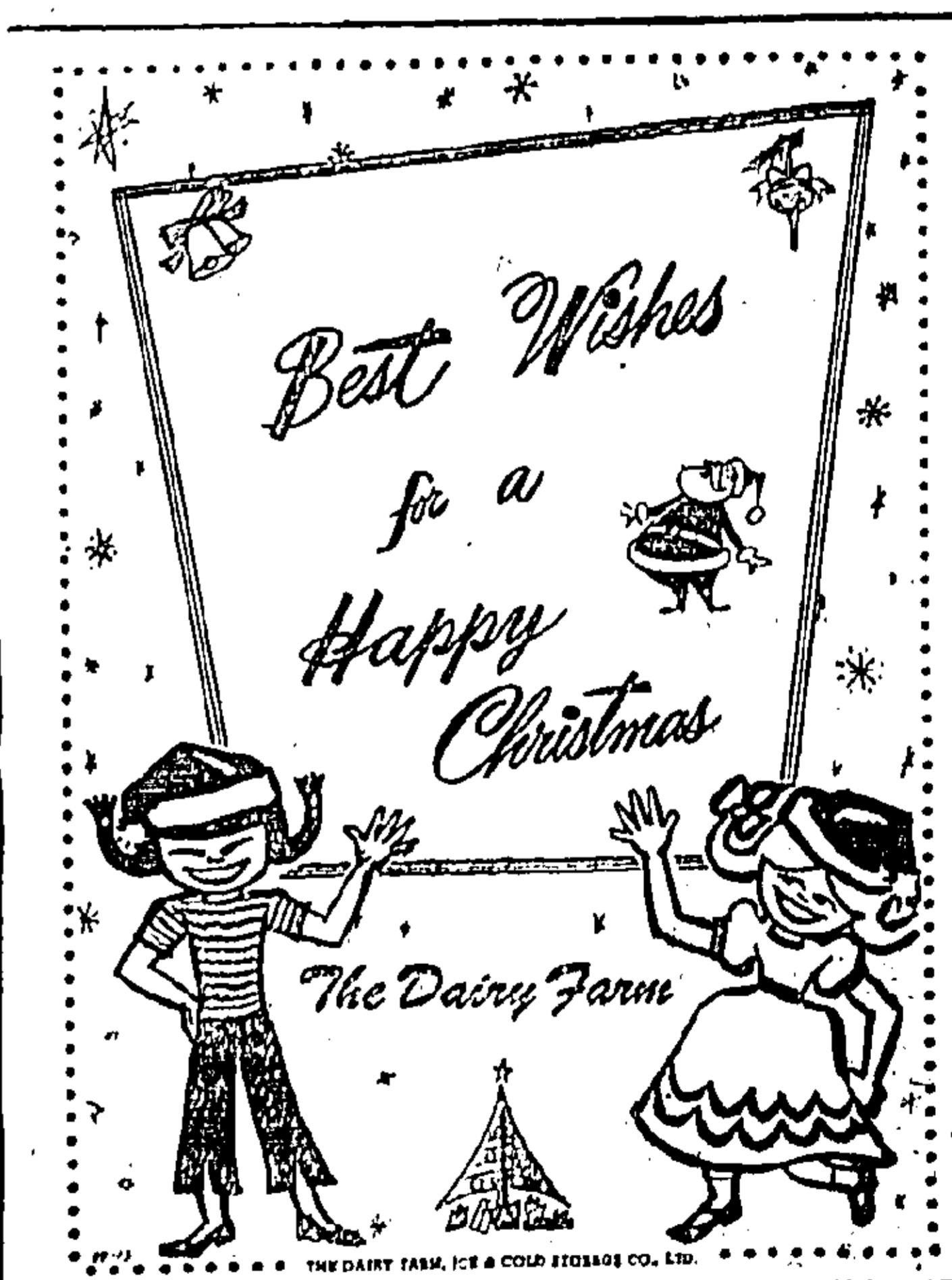
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Color Cartoon Feature  
"GULLIVER'S TRAVELS"

PARAMOUNT  
At 10.15 a.m.  
Charlton HESTON  
Eleanor PARKER in  
"THE NAKED JUNGLE"

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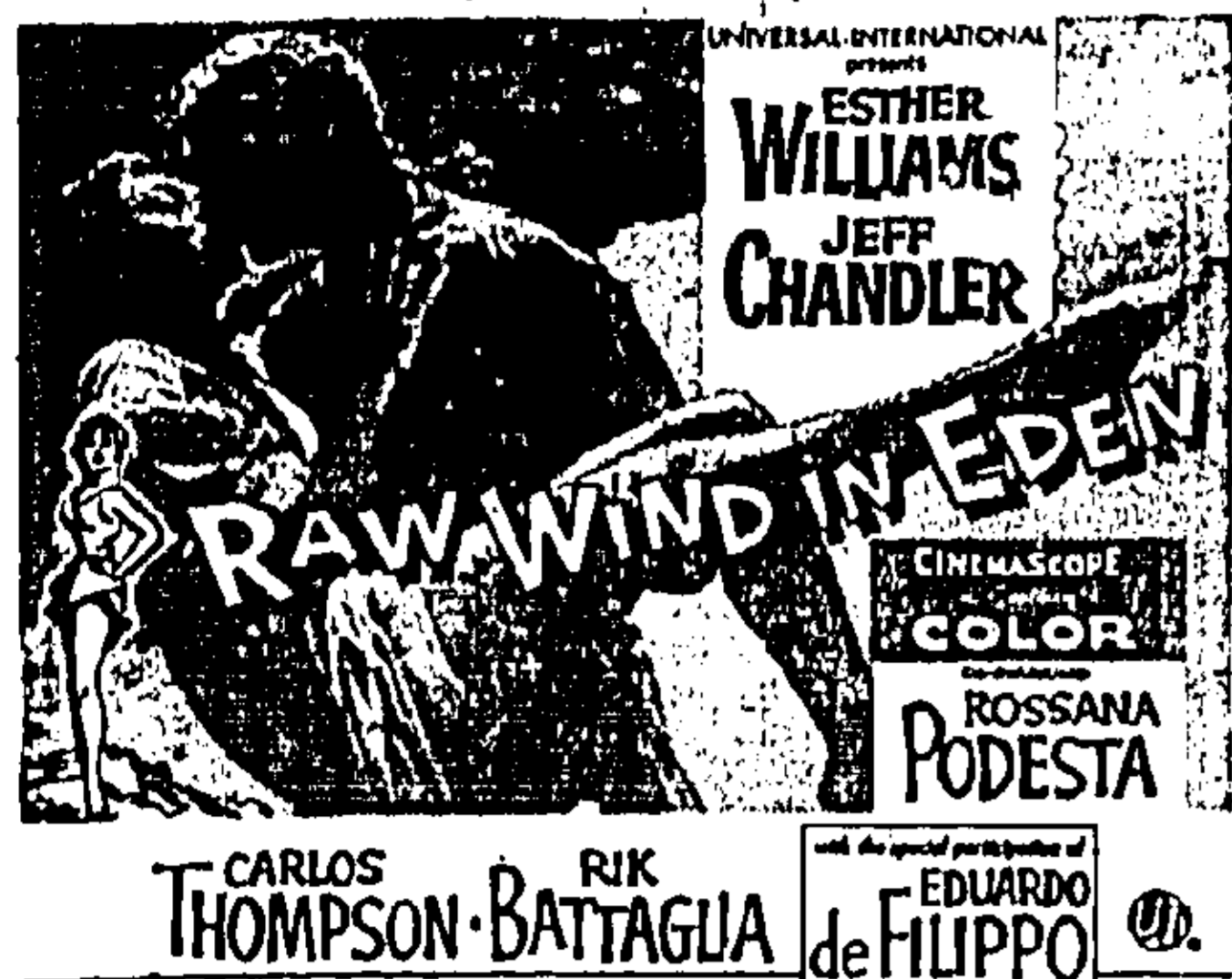
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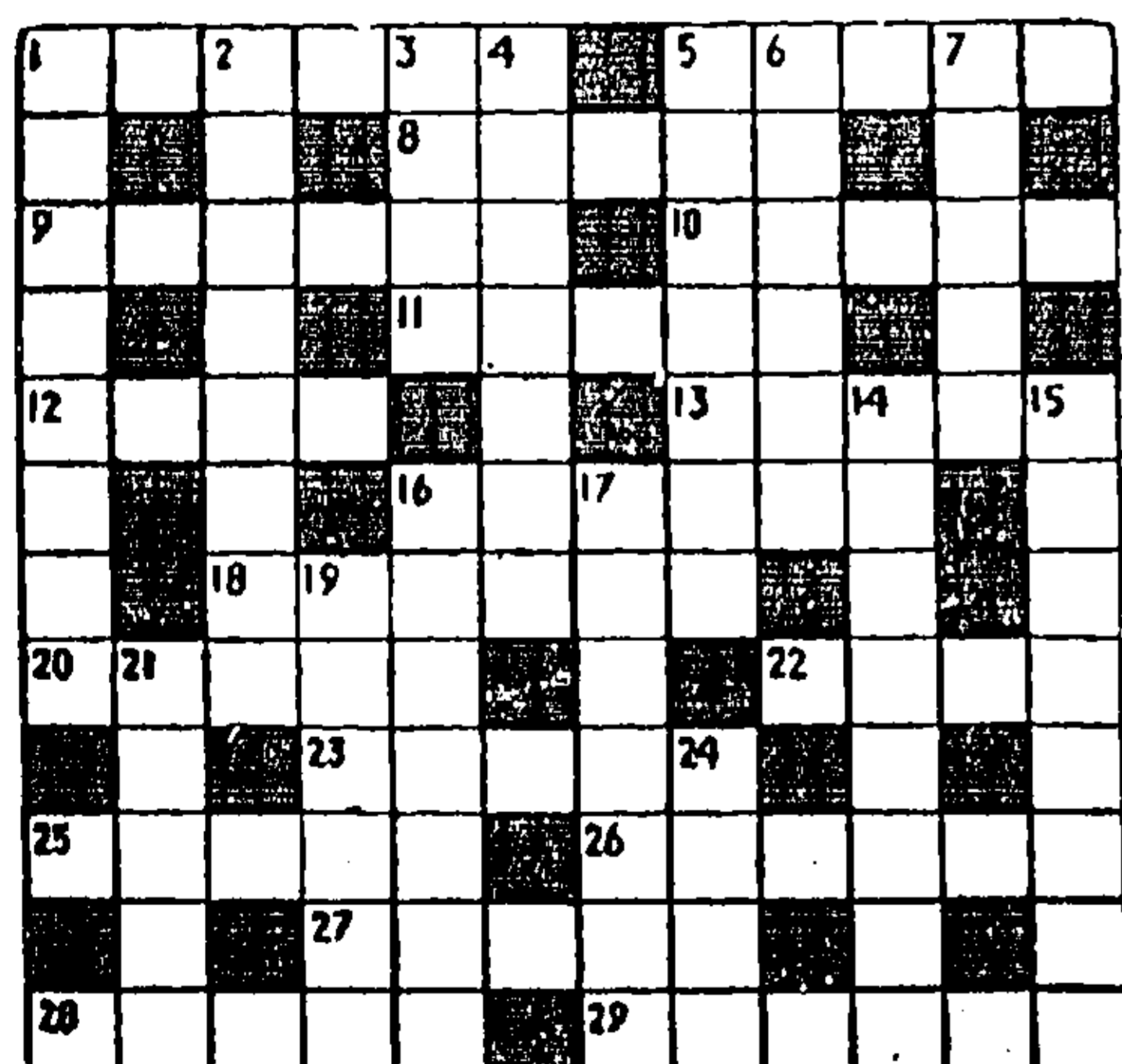
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## A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Wine (6).
  - Scanning device (6).
  - Scotch parrot? (5).
  - He takes part in a game (6).
  - This man was a ship (6).
  - Stew from Islam (6).
  - Haw-haw? (4).
  - Follow on (5).
  - May keep one from going off the rails (6).
  - The East (6).
  - They're fine and dandy (6).
  - William? (4).
  - Game on board (6).
  - Gloss (5).
  - One end of a line (6).
  - Underground pitcher (6).
  - Jack the Nipper! (6).
  - M. A. perhaps (6).
- DOWN**
- One of the earliest stages of man (6).
  - Elegant timber (8).
  - Andy's partner (4).
  - Skilled, even without the headwear (7).
  - Dress (7).
  - It provides overhead cover (6).
  - Said by a Frenchman on leaving (6).
  - He might be said to give caps away (6).
  - Allegory (6).
  - Angler's stockings? (7).
  - And I see inside something cordial (7).
  - M.P.'s vacation (6).
  - Introduce us to her (6).
  - Without a doubt (4).

**TUESDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 3 Half, 7 Broke, 8 Jolly, 9 Fowl, 10 Hurdler, 12 Mint, 15 Dole, 18 Gail, 19 Oracle, 21 Thaw, 22 Adon, 23 Error, 28 Yo-yo, 29 Immense, 30 Ugly, 31 Tier, 32 Diner, 33 Side. Down: 1 Trout, 2 Skiddaw, 4 A-rose, 6 Film, 8 Chan, 9 Fell, 11 Loose, 13 Ivan, 14 The-o, 16 So-do-M, 17 Stay, 18 Gary, 20 Reprodes, 22 Army, 24 Filled, 25 Aston, 27 O-din, 28 Ours.

HOLIDAY BUS TRAGEDY:  
11 KILLED

New York, Dec. 23.

A Greyhound bus carrying holiday-bound passengers collided with two trucks at Pulaski, Tennessee, and burst into flames tonight. The highway patrol reported 11 people were killed.

Police said the death toll might rise. An undetermined number were injured. "Some of the bodies are charred beyond recognition," a policeman said.

The driver of one of the trucks, a vehicle belonging to a Pulaski lumber company, said the bus tried to pass his truck on a hill.

The driver said a large tractor-trailer truck came over the hill and the bus tried to whip back in front of the lumber truck.

## Caught Bumper

The bus caught the lumber truck's front bumper, forcing the truck down the embankment just before the collision occurred, the driver said.

The lumber truck driver was not injured.

The bus was described as a "blazing inferno" by witnesses.

There were at least 19 passengers in the bus, and the only survivors were reported to be negroes forced to sit in the rear by local segregation practices.

They were able to escape by the back emergency door, police said.—U.P.I.

STRIPPER  
NOT  
ARTISTIC

Stockholm, Dec. 23.

A Swedish Court ruled today after a week of reflection that a striptease is not an artistic dance and is punishable by penal sanctions.

The court of Harnsand, a small town in southern Sweden, was hearing the case of a German dancer who, after the failure of her open-air dance number, improvised a striptease which made such a hit with spectators that police had to intervene.

The judges disagreed with the spectators and sentenced the versatile dancer to a fine and court costs.—France-Press.

TITO CALLS FOR  
END OF A-TESTS

Djakarta, Dec. 23.

President Tito of Yugoslavia tonight called for an urgent halt to nuclear and thermonuclear tests and for an agreement on gradual and general disarmament.

The Yugoslavian President, who began a ten-day State visit to Indonesia today, was speaking at a dinner given by President Sukarno of Indonesia.

President Tito said that Colonialism, which still survived in Asia and Africa was a source of particular danger to world peace.

"Elimination of this evil is of immediate necessity," he said. He made no direct reference to West Irian, which is claimed by Indonesia from the Dutch.—Reuter.

Russia  
Willing  
To Talk

Moscow, Dec. 23.

Russia said tonight she was ready to meet "other interested states" to discuss problems of European security, provided Nato countries were ready to discard the preliminary settlement of the German question.

In a statement on "the guarantee of stable peace on earth," the official Soviet news agency, Tass, said Soviet government circles had noted that Nato countries did not at present link the two questions—as they had before.

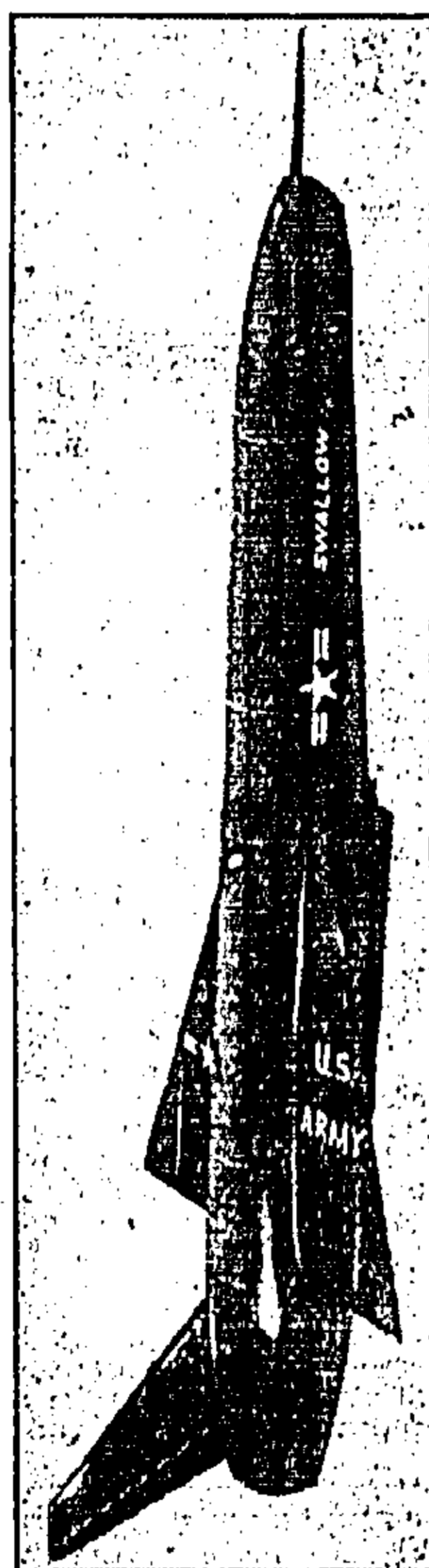
If Nato countries were really ready to settle European security without making it first dependent on settlement of the German question, Russian government circles believed there would be "no insurmountable obstacles" to success on at least some of the questions, Tass said.—Reuter.

## Cypriots Released

Nicosia, Dec. 23.

Over 60 Greek-Cypriot detainees who had been held for varying periods as suspected terrorists were released today, bringing the total number of prisoners freed in December to over 600.

Almost 2,000 others are still being held.—France-Press.

NEW  
JET

This is the "Swallow," a new surveillance drone being developed for the U.S. Army Signal Corps under a \$25 million contract by the guided missiles division of the Republic Aviation Corp. The small, pilotless jet aircraft, designated the SD-4, will use a variety of advanced sensory techniques for military reconnaissance purposes, including radar, infrared, detection, and photography.—U.P.I. Telephoto.

## New Job At 77

Princeton, Dec. 23.

Senator H. Alexander Smith (Republican-New Jersey) retires next month after 14 years in the Senate, but at the age of 77 he is starting a new career as a globe-trotting troubleshooter for the State Department.

Mr. Smith, former chairman of the powerful Senate Foreign Relations Committee, expects to visit the Near and Far East in February in an effort to shore up America's position among uncommitted nations.—U.P.I.

Moscow Bans US  
Radio Newsmen

New York, Dec. 23.

The Soviet authorities today banned Edmund Stevens, acting correspondent for the National Broadcasting Company in Moscow, from making further broadcasts from Moscow.

A spokesman for N.B.C. said that Stevens, who has been representing the network as well as Time magazine in Moscow since last Saturday when the regular N.B.C. correspondent Irving Levine was denied the use of broadcasting facilities, was interrupted in the middle of a transmission.

He later sent a cable reporting that he had been banned from broadcasting until further notice. No reason was given to him.

The N.B.C. spokesman said Stevens could still use cable facilities and telephone circuits, but pointed out that the phone circuits were far inferior in quality to broadcast transmissions.

Levine, now on his way back to the United States, reported last Saturday that he had been accused of violating censorship.—Reuter.

Artist  
"Not Torn  
Between  
Worlds"

Darwin, Dec. 23.

Mr Justice Kriewaldt, Darwin High Court Judge, today dismissed an appeal that famous aboriginal artist Albert Namatjira had been "torn between two worlds," when he broke the law by supplying liquor to a native ward of the state.

Namatjira, whose paintings of the Australian outback are on display in leading world galleries, had his sentence reduced from six months to three months which he will start to serve early in the New Year.

The Namatjira case roused wide public sympathy of the view that Namatjira, granted full citizenship rights and made wealthy by the sale of his paintings, was constantly trying to obey both the white man's law and the law of his tribe, the Aruntas.

Arunta law provides that one tribe member will share all his good fortune with another and by this argument Namatjira was unable to share liquor with another Arunta.—China Mail Special.

Saw Last  
Hanging

Deal, Dec. 23.

Mrs Sarah Finch of Deal who today celebrated her 100th birthday, saw the last public hanging in England 92 years ago.—China Mail Special.

## Here Is Proof

Penang, Dec. 23.

An 18-year-old Malaysian boy, Ahmad Bin Abdul, who is hitch-hiking round Malaysia to prove that the Encyclopaedia Britannica's description of the Malays as a lazy race is wrong, has arrived here after a two-month walk.

Ahmad left his home in Sungai Rambai, Malacca, on September 22 with only two dollars in his pocket. "My adventures so far have made me more determined than ever to challenge the article in the Encyclopaedia Britannica," he told reporters today.

"To prove how wrong this conception is, I am prepared to go further and hitch-hike round the world."

Ahmad lodged in the Penang Police Barracks last night. He leaves for Kedah tomorrow and plans to cross the Malaysia-Siam border for a trek to Bangkok before the end of this month.—China Mail Special.

HERMIT  
FOUND IN  
CAVE

Teramo, Dec. 23.

An 84-year-old Italian hermit who fled into the mountains many years ago because he was "nursed by the noisy and chaotic modern world" has been found living in a cave.

The hermit, Domenico Leone, was accidentally discovered by a village priest high up on the Grand Sasso, central Italy's highest mountain, where he had lived on herbs and chestnuts.

A stretcher party set out to bring Leone down to hospital where he will be placed on a special diet.—Reuter.

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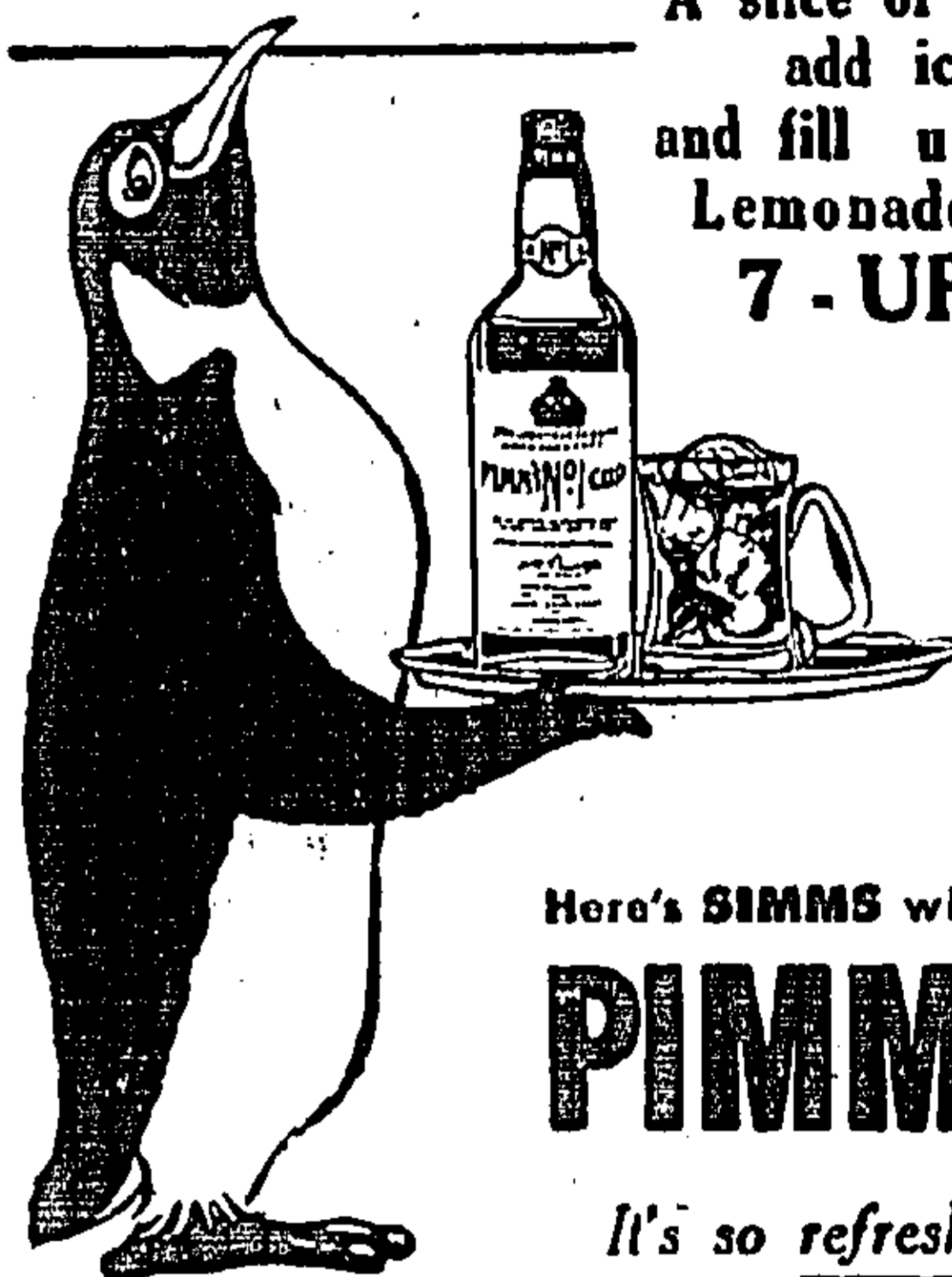
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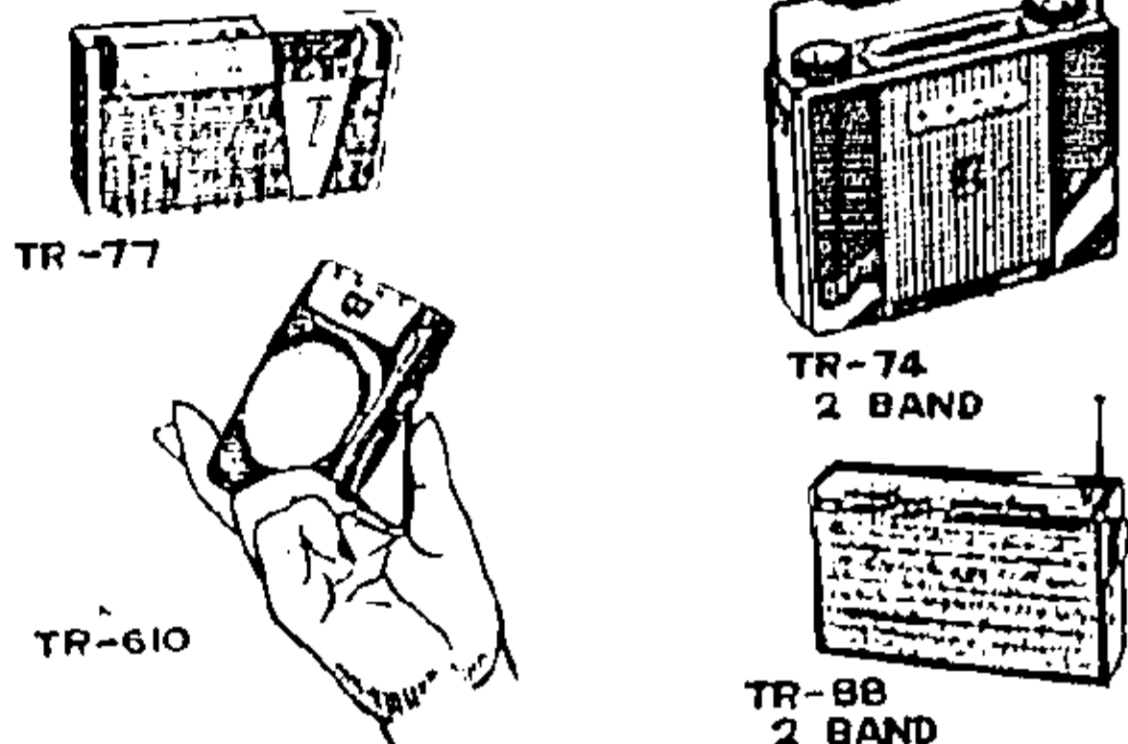
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## A Glimpse

## Of The

## Press

## 100 Years

## Ago

IN turning over the files for 1857, no matter how charitably minded you are to say the least, both private and public affairs leave much to be desired.

The reader must realise that the Colony was an isolated place. The speediest news could come no quicker than the fastest ship. Even when the domestic affairs of the Colony were referred to London, so long an interval of time found London facing an accomplished situation.

The result was decisions had to be made on the spot. Being made on the spot, they could be reversed on the spot, and differences of opinion were not submitted to arbitrary bureaucratic findings. Rather were there outspoken statements.

In short, things that are whiskered today behind closed doors, were then thrashed out in the full light of public opinion. Fair statement or libel are now matters referred to legal opinion, but our forbears acknowledge no such niceties.

A letter to the press was the mildest form of attack. A savage editorial a mere pluck. A knockdown blow, by no means a rarity.

I think a fair observer would select the years 1857 to 1858 as the most unpleasant in the history of the Colony's public life. In fact, following these years, Sir Hercules Robinson was sent from London to do a little spring cleaning. Then after, none of the incidents associated with the public and social life of the Colony during the years under discussion were repeated on so savage a scale. During the twelve years of its existence, the China Mail managed to keep out of trouble.

Maybe the proud announcement which designated it the bearer of Government's Official Announcements, gave it a sense of responsibility. During those years, it was certainly pronounced a journal which con-

# JOHN LUFF's second chapter of "THIS HONGKONG..."

## EDITORS' ESCAPADES

HONGKONG'S PRESS IN THE COLONY'S EARLY DAYS PULLED NO PUNCHES IN NEWS REPORTING OR IN ITS EDITORIALS. FAIR STATEMENT OR LIBEL ARE TODAY MATTERS REFERRED TO LEGAL OPINION—BUT IN THOSE DAYS OUR FORBEARS ACKNOWLEDGED NO SUCH NICETIES. IN THE SECOND PART OF THIS ABSORBING SERIES THE WRITER DESCRIBES SOME OF THE MUD-SLINGING THAT WENT ON IN THOSE DAYS....



Wyndham Street — The Colony's "Fleet Street," as it appeared in those days.

ducted itself with a sense of propriety.

If that was the case, the China Mail was soon to revoke any such sentiments, and fling itself into the fray.

We have seen that Mr Tarrant was carrying around a large-size chip upon his shoulder. As a consigned Government servant, he was after Government, but not inhibited by any delicate feelings on the law of libel, he printed any gossip he came across, and when he could not find any mud to fling, he made some.

Dr Eitel, a later historian of the Colony says the Colony at this time was convulsed by "an internal chronic warfare, the acerbities of which beggared all description."

As a later generation would say, "Brother, you said it."

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Naturally, the newspapers reflected this feeling, and none better than the Friend of China, or worse, should I say?

To quote Dr Eitel again: The Friend of China "generally evinced in Government and most public officers with some animus."

The Friend of China "repeatedly insinuated that Lieutenant - Governor Caine (while he was Chief Magistrate) had been in collusion with his comrade's squeezing propensities."

Even a later editor of the China Mail queried as to why Lieutenant - Governor Caine allowed five years to pass before he took any action to refute this libel.

The reason is that the unfortunate Caine was called upon to give evidence before a judge who had earlier been suspended for looking too deep into the law. Caine brought along his case earlier, it would have been heard before this judge.

Thus am I able to perhaps right an earlier wrong done by the China Mail. But Caine's silence was misinterpreted by the press at the time, and at once there broke out a vicious period in journalism. In short, the press went yellow.

The more wicked and vicious the paper, the greater its popularity, and Hongkong lapped it up.

The Daily Press, thus encouraged went a step higher, and had a go at the Governor, and accused him (Sir J. Bowring) of corruptly favouring the firm of Jardine Matheson & Co. in the matter of public contracts. Murrow was put on trial for this, and received six months in gaol, the jury taking only fifteen minutes to arrive at a verdict.

The judge also fined him \$100 "to vindicate the law, and put a stop to the unmeasured abuse of public individuals."

It seems that the editor, Mr Murrow, quite enjoyed himself in gaol. He was put in the debtor's side of the prison, and was allowed every comfort.

While in the gaol he still ran his paper, and his editorials were a beauty to behold, and what he said about the Governor was no one's business.

Strangely enough, criticism of this originated not in Hongkong, but in London, when the Illustrated London News of July 3rd 1858, severely criticised the Hongkong Government for allowing such scandalous reports to issue from gaol.

When Mr Murrow was released, he immediately took action at law against Sir John Bowring, asking for \$5,000

damages for assault and false imprisonment, but when the case came on in the December of 1858, it ended in the favour of the defendant.

But reading through these ancient crackling pages, you find that the press were the least to offend.

In 1857, minding no words, you find that the Attorney-General charges the Registrar-General with having a scandalous and pernicious interest in his brother's and of having spent part of his life associating with Chinese outlaws and pirates.

The least said about such matters, the better, but it remains as a fact that the press, in the event, set itself on the side of decency and law.

The battle was fierce, and the rewards did not always go, as poetical justice would have them.

The Attorney-General resigned when the Registrar-General was found "not guilty."

The Governor then called upon the Attorney-General to defend himself under pain of suspension. He was suspended in February 1858, entered into private practice, and started to give private legal aid.

The China Mail managed to keep clear of all this by the simple expedient of avoiding court cases, probably because of its being declared a semi-official paper.

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However, things were going too far. Mr Andrew Wilson, the editor of the China Mail commented very candidly on the way in which the ex-Attorney-General had conducted the case of the Crown versus Tarrant.

Mr Wilson was bound over for the sum of \$1,000, ordered to keep the peace, and apologise. At this, the China Mail threw off all connection with Government and arranged itself alongside the other papers.

August 1857, and the editor of the Friend of China is again in trouble. He is on a charge of libelling the Acting Colonial Secretary whom he accuses of burning the books of Ma Chow Wong, the pirate, to screen himself and the Registrar-General against a charge of complicity with pirates.

This time the editor was found, "not guilty" and costs were awarded against Government.

This may have been due to the fact that the Governor had found it a reasonable time to take a trip to Manila.

Elated with this success, Mr Tarrant and the suspended Attorney-General commenced an agitation in England against Lieutenant-Governor Caine, the case mentioned earlier in this article.

This was the end. The article in the Friend of China reads: "Colonel Caine must either be one of two things, either the cleverest rascal that ever lived, or a felon for whom transportation would be too light a punishment—or he is a much maligned man."

The jury decided the latter and Mr Tarrant went to gaol for twelve months and was also fined \$50.

Tarrant pleaded justification in court, but his charge against Caine was a particularly odious one, and the jury returned a verdict, accordingly.

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That finished up the Friend of China. Tarrant went 'sick' in gaol and was moved into the hospital, but the visiting justices flung him out and he was sent back to the cells to mix with the unbecomingly loathsome scum who filled Hongkong's gaol at that time.

Out of pity, Hongkong petitioned the new Governor, Sir Hercules Robinson, who had been sent out to put a stop to all this scandalous stuff. Sir Hercules turned the petition down.

But agitation grew and at last the Secretary for State intervened. He suggested that Tarrant be transferred to the debtor's side of the prison, and that half his sentence be remitted.

Eventually, the case came up before the House of Commons. Tarrant was released immediately, his fine having been paid by subscription.

But Tarrant's troubles were not at an end. Dr Bridges, whom you will remember had a grudge against Tarrant, brought a case against Tarrant for costs, \$2,203, in connection with the trial.

Dr Bridges made no secret of the fact that he was taking it out of Tarrant. This only aroused public sympathy. Another subscription was raised and the well was dismissed from the

stormy petrel of old Hongkong started up the wing again. He started up the Friend of China again, transferred it to Canton, and in 1862, to Shanghai.

But Tarrant had lost his fiery zeal, and his too eager aptitude for negotiating the slippery pole of libel. He sold the Friend of China in 1869, but without Tarrant it folded up.

In 1870, he returned to London, broken in health, and he died in 1872. On his death, he bequeathed to Hongkong's old City Hall a complete file of the Friend of China. Where it is now, I have no idea. Probably it had been such a which remained with the China Mail, reconstruct the story in part.

With the arrival of Sir Hercules Robinson in 1859, who had instructions to refrain from "stirring up that mass of mud which appears to have encumbered society in Hongkong," an all round improvement was expected. However, among the first business was an enquiry into the Civil Service. This case, briefly mentioned on page 193 of "Saver's 'Hongkong'" was taken up by the editor of the Daily Press.

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The quarrel was really between Mr May, the Superintendent of Police, and Mr Caldwell, the Registrar-General, although mentioned in passing as having too great an interest in pirates.

One pirate in particular causing the police much trouble, Ma Chow Wong.

The Daily Press accused Mr Caldwell of extortion and perjury. At once proceedings were begun against the editor for libel.

The editor withdrew the charges. In looking things over from this distance of time, it seems the newspaper man had a rough time.

In most cases, there existed some basis for their charges. But even if they seem unfairly treated, the fact remains that no man can be tried against himself, and increasing legislation has made it pretty hot for any British newspaper that tries to anticipate the verdict of the jury.

The fact remains that Caldwell was dismissed from the

Civil Service. He was a valuable servant in a way; a fluent speaker of Cantonese, and a friend of Ma Chow Wong.

Sir Hercules Robinson started to clip the wings of the Hongkong press right away. He brought before the Legislative Council a bill to amend the law relative to newspapers in Hongkong.

The only law then applicable to the Press was Ordinance Number 2 of 1844 which released the press from all restraint, and made no provision for libel or defamation of character.

This new bill introduced by Sir Hercules had newspaper publishers enter into a bond of £250.

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There was also a new procedure to be followed in taking out libel cases. Up to that time, anyone instituting proceedings had to apply to a magistrate for a summons, and if the evidence was strong enough the defendant was submitted to the Supreme Court, and the Attorney-General prosecuted.

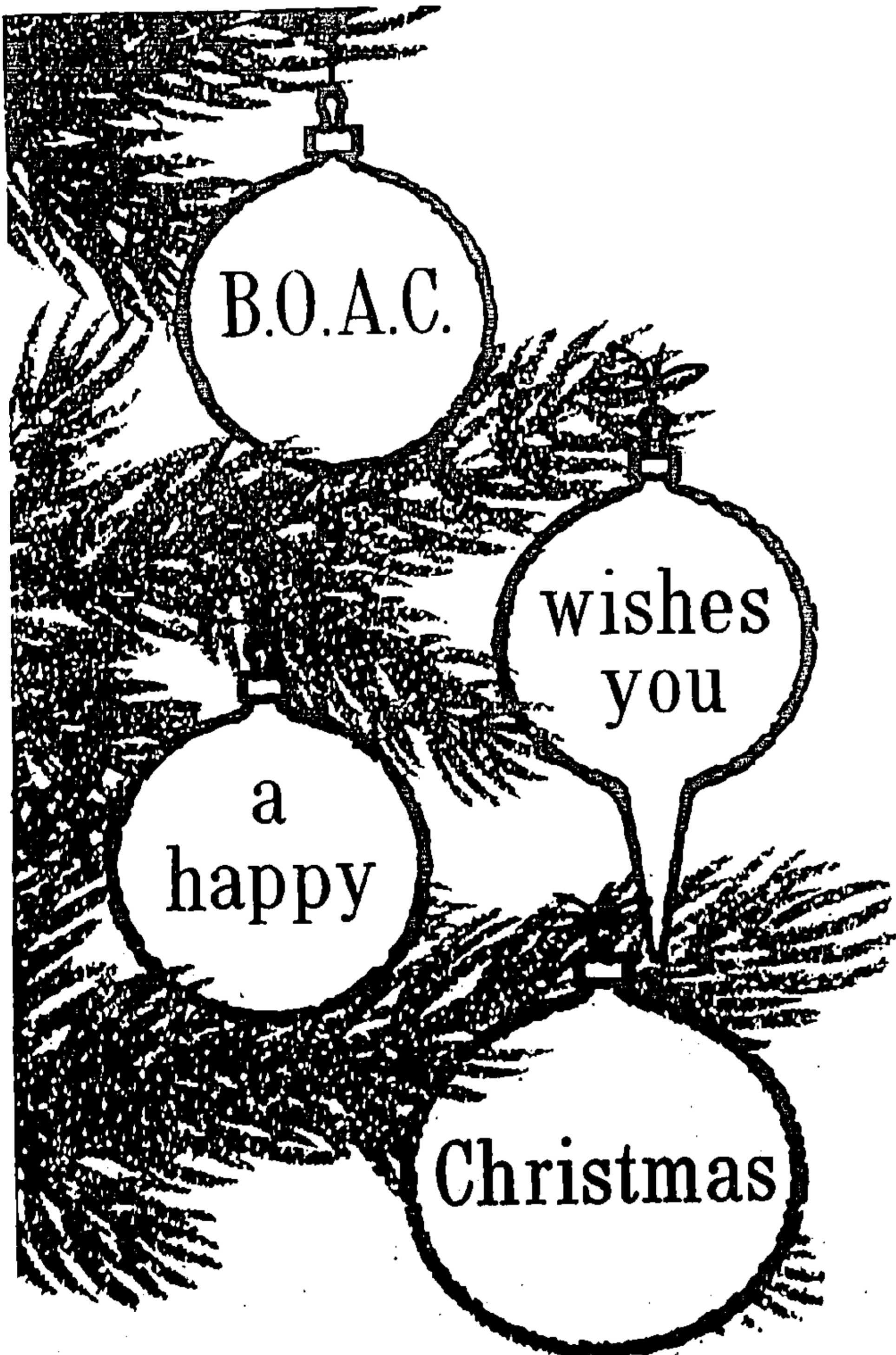
The wrong conclusions were drawn by the local populace, who presumed that Government prosecuted in its own interests against certain editors.

The amending bill introduced by Sir Hercules provided that a person who considered himself libelled had to sue for damages, and that costs at all events should be recovered by the plaintiff. This became Ordinance Number 16 of 1860. In 1880, the bond was increased to \$1,200.

The enquiry, instituted by Sir Hercules Robinson into the May-Caldwell business did not satisfy Mr Murrow, the editor of the Daily Press, who produced prisoners as witnesses against Caldwell for whom he entertained an implacable hatred.

When Sir Hercules Robinson refused to reopen the enquiry, meanwhile reminding Murrow that he had five charges of libel against himself, Murrow lost his head, and started on the Governor.

But Sir Hercules stood firm, and at that, the mud-slinging which had disgraced the Colony ceased to some degree.



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# WOMANSENSE AN ARTIST SPEAKS...



New York. PEG NEWTON, who has built a successful business looking up to people, says the tall girl is lucky in matters of clothes.

"More things look good on her," she said. She pointed out that most models come in the five feet, seven inches, and above classification, the heights for which Miss Newton designs. The designer believes hers is the first shop in the world to cater exclusively to the tall set. She established it in 1940, after several years of working on a style magazine.

"What inspired the business? My own five feet and 10 inches, that's what," she laughed. "From the time I was 12, I loved fitting the tall girl is more than

just adding inches to a skirt. Clothes have to be proportioned to the whole body."

When she decided to use the giraffe as her trademark, she received an "irate letter" from one customer. "Take it off your mailing list," she wrote. "I do not like being compared to a long-necked, spotted, spotted creature..."

The designer-manufacturer said the highest concentration is in the northern Mid-East, where Scandinavian and Nordic types have settled.

"Today's tall girl uses her height as an asset. She plays it up, instead of trying to look shorter," said Miss Newton. "No more flat hats and flat heels for her; flat hats and flat heels for the rest of the world."

By GAY PAULEY

PEOPLE  
I MEET  
by  
JOANNE  
BLAIR

WHILE the two Siamese cats "Jezebel" and "Della" attended to the needs of their infant families and "Chips" the Alsatian, struck a noble pose upon the floor of the tastefully decorated studio, Mrs. Ruth Robertson spoke of the coming art exhibition to be given by the Hong-kong Artists.

"The public will see only very few of these," she said, "and only paintings that have never been shown before."

"But besides our group," she continued, "we are planning to show the work of several guest artists from other Asian countries. One of our chief aims is to encourage young Asian artists to take up modern art and to see that they have some sort of recognition."

Mrs. Robertson's own paintings, several of which are displayed on the walls of her studio, vividly portray her high standing in the art world as an

abstract expressionist. Evidence of this was recently shown when Mr. A. Arenberg, a director of the Chicago

Institute of Fine Arts, bought her gouache painting "Clear Water" the first time he saw it and also by the very favourable notices she received from both the New York Times and the New York Herald Tribune during her exhibition there in 1957.

"I work only in spirits," Mrs. Robertson says, "sometimes for periods of up to three months. During that time I find I'm pretty prolific, but I'm also pretty exhausted as well."

Feeling that an artist sometimes needs a change of medium in order to stay "fresh" and to relax a little from the stresses and strains that are the companion of the abstract artist, Mrs. Robertson finds her outlet in mosaic work.

And here, even the cats lend assistance, for both Jezebel and Della are given to swift feline pursuits of moths and other insects and are not unknown to

leave a trail of smashed vases in their wake.

"My job," laughs Mrs. Robertson, "is to follow along behind these lightning attacks and gather up the pieces which, be it or not, make excellent mosaic stones. These I carefully sort, classify and file away for future use!"

Her most recent work in this line is the fish pool she designed for the home of Dr. & Mrs. John Carey-Hughes in the New Territories.

Working with Italian Malti, Mrs. Robertson designed an expressionistic pattern in a modern marine life, using the old Byzantine method of leaving the mosaics rough. Here, her finely developed sense of colour is reflected by her use of bold colours on the exterior of the pool which contrast brilliantly with the depth-giving paler shades used on the inside.

"It's hard work," admits Mrs. Robertson, "and takes a great amount of energy and time, but nevertheless, tremendously satisfying."

One was the yacht of H. E. the Governor of Borneo and the other, that of H. E. the High Commissioner to the Solomon Islands.

Choosing Thai silk due to its washability, strength and elegance, Mrs. Robertson made colourful use of it in the dining saloons, lounges and bedrooms for cushions and upholstery. On one occasion she used its beautiful blend of colours to bring about a dominating theme of lavender, mauve and emerald green, and again, as a saucy-sized piping to enhance a linen bedspread. Introduced into this same exquisite suite is a coffee table bearing a built-in chess-board.

Mrs. Robertson remarked on how much she enjoyed both of these brief assignments.

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## YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

BORN today you have a fearless, adventurous nature. Let some one else do the dangerous and nothing will stop you from trying. As a youth, this restlessness led you to come to terms with the fact that you will come to some bad end. But your personal god of good fortune appears to be watching over you constantly, so that things which others might miss on your face with exceptional success. Since you are essentially an innovator, you want to go your own way in all things. There is more than a little of the reformer in your nature and you are eager to meet any challenge. You are at your best when faced with serious competition and for this reason, if you are not a successful leader, you are a successful follower. You are the happiest living in the city where the stars and the moon are on your face all the time.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—If there are children in the family, do not let them be up at the crack of dawn. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Forget everything having anything to do with work or the office. Concentrate on home life. PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—This is your best day of the week and Christmas is to be a wonderful time. ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—It is to be hoped that your "ever-loving" is pleased with your gift. TAUROS (Apr. 21-May 21)—A special Christmas message from a brother or sister at a distance could bring pleasure. GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Might have open house this afternoon and exchange greetings with the neighbors. BORN on Christmas Day is quite an exceptional happening and those who are born on this day are exceptional in many ways. Only needs development to become outstanding. You have a clear, keen mind and the ability to express yourself forcefully and succinctly. You have a natural understanding of all that which you meet and your social consciousness impels you to work in behalf of others, even if it means considerable self-sacrifice.

You are not the type to work well under the supervision of others and do your best when you are developing plans which you have initiated. Consequently, it would be well for you to make out your own plan at an early age. Be self-reliant and you can have exactly what you want out of life. Depend upon others and you will never reach the success which should rightfully be yours.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—No doubt home duties will need the major portion of your close attention today. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—There is romance in the air for you. Someone you have met at a Christmas party? PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Not too good a day for business. Almost everyone will be thinking of the holiday season. ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—If you have accepted an invitation for this evening, be sure to look your best. TAUROS (Apr. 21-May 21)—If among those who have to work today, make the best of it! There are many others too. GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—No use trying to do anything in a big hurry today. Just do what you can, slowly.

BORN today, you are a person of originality and ingenuity. No problem appears too difficult of solution. People learn to do as you do in times of crisis and you are the one who gives good, practical advice. You understand human nature and are able to interpret even the simplest of human motives in the most complicated of situations. You are a natural leader and your influence is felt in the lives of many. You are a natural leader and your influence is felt in the lives of many. You are a natural leader and your influence is felt in the lives of many.

The upshot of the mysterious interest you have in the Orient and making a serious study of these phenomena. You have keen intuitions and must learn to heed them. Always act on the "gut" feeling which tells you that you are being misled or deceived. Do not let external suggestions from either friends or relatives lead you into a Christmas present. This could be a good day for it.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—This is a fine day for practically anything you wish to undertake. Make the most of it. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Your best day of the week, so concentrate on something of importance to your future. PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Could be that you would meet someone who is interesting today. GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—After within your budget, make a great big Christmas wish to be fulfilled. TAUROS (Apr. 21-May 21)—If in retail merchandising, you can make a profit on a quick turnover. GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Could be that you would meet someone who is interesting today. This could be a good day for it.

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## STORIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

### The Fix-it Workshop

—It Had Wonderful Buttons To Push—

By MAX TRELL

THE busiest Pixie in O'Cheer Hall (which is where all the Pixies live) was Pixie O'Fix-it. Like Pixie O'Scowl and Pixie McSnooze and Pixie McMertry and the twins, Pixie O'Fix-it was a very busy little fellow. He was no bigger than a Grasshopper. He wore a green suit and a hat that looked like a sawed-off arm with a feather in it.

It was a sawed-off arm! Knarf and Hanid, the Shadows with the Turned-About Names, found Pixie O'Fix-it in

his workshop. The workshop was a small room at the far end of O'Cheer Hall.

It was called the Fix-it room. This is where everybody who had anything that needed fixing came from miles around.

On this particular afternoon, Knarf and Hanid found a whole crowd waiting in line at the door of the Fix-it room.

There was a Cat with his whiskers bent from trying to squeeze into a small Mouse hole.

There was a Butterfly with a broken wing.

There was a Frog who needed a new glass in his eyeglasses.

There was a Snail whose shell needed a new coat of paint.

There was a Daddy Longlegs who needed new rubber heels on his shoes.

There was a Firefly who wanted new batteries in his flashlight.

"Take it easy," take it easy!" cried Pixie O'Fix-it. "Don't anybody push! Everybody will be taken care of!"

He invited Knarf and Hanid to come into the Fix-it room and watch him as he worked.

"I like to have folks watching me while I work," Pixie O'Fix-it said. "I only wish you could help me."

"Oh, we'll be glad to help you," Hanid told him.

"Just tell us what to do," said Knarf.

"Well," said Pixie O'Fix-it, "while I'm tending to those people out there—the Frogs and Snails and Butterflies and Beetles and things—I'd appreciate it if you'd work that little machine I've got in the back."

Knarf and Hanid said they'd be only too glad to work the little machine.

"It's all set," Pixie O'Fix-it said. "Just press the button and it will start working. Put everything that comes out into those empty bags."

Knarf went to the back of the workshop and looked at the machine. It was about as big as a sewing machine except that the wheels were made of wood and a stream of water like a brook flowed into it at one end.

"Let's press the button," Knarf said. Hanid, "and see what happens."

But when Knarf looked down he saw that there were four or five different buttons. Next to each of the buttons was a name.

The first button said: Raindrops. The second button said: Dewdrops. The third button said: Snowflakes. The fourth button said: Drizzle. And the fifth and last button said: Blizzard.

Which One?

"I wonder which of these buttons he wants us to push," Knarf said to Hanid.

"Pixie O'Fix-it! Which button do you wish us to push?" Hanid called over to Pixie O'Fix-it.

"Number Three!" shouted Pixie O'Fix-it.

Knarf pressed button number three. The water that ran into the machine at one end came

out as snowflakes at the other end!

Knarf and Hanid had a wonderful time filling up the empty bags with snowflakes. Just as an experiment, Knarf pushed the last button, too!

But he forgot to put a bag under at the other end of the machine and the whole Fix-it room was filled with a swirling, whirling, howling blizzard.

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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

TAKE a look at the South hand only. What is your opening bid?

If you are a textbook player you will open one spade. All the books say to open the higher ranking of two five-card suits.

If you are a winning player you will open one club. This is modern expert practice.

In the Ashbury Park region, these South players who opened one spade all reached various game contracts and all went down on what the contract and defence was.

When South opened one club the bidding usually went exactly as shown in the box. North would get a chance to show his hand and at least five clubs and that 10 red cards opposite at least 10 black would spell trouble. He would pass and South would struggle away with his two-spade contract.

It would not be too much of a struggle. No defence will beat two spades if South plays the hand correctly.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

Q—The bidding has been:

East South West North

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Pass 2♥ 2♠ 2♥

Pass 3♥ 3♠ 3♥

Pass 4♥ 4♠ 4♥

Pass 5♥ 5♠ 5♥

Pass 6♥ 6♠ 6♥

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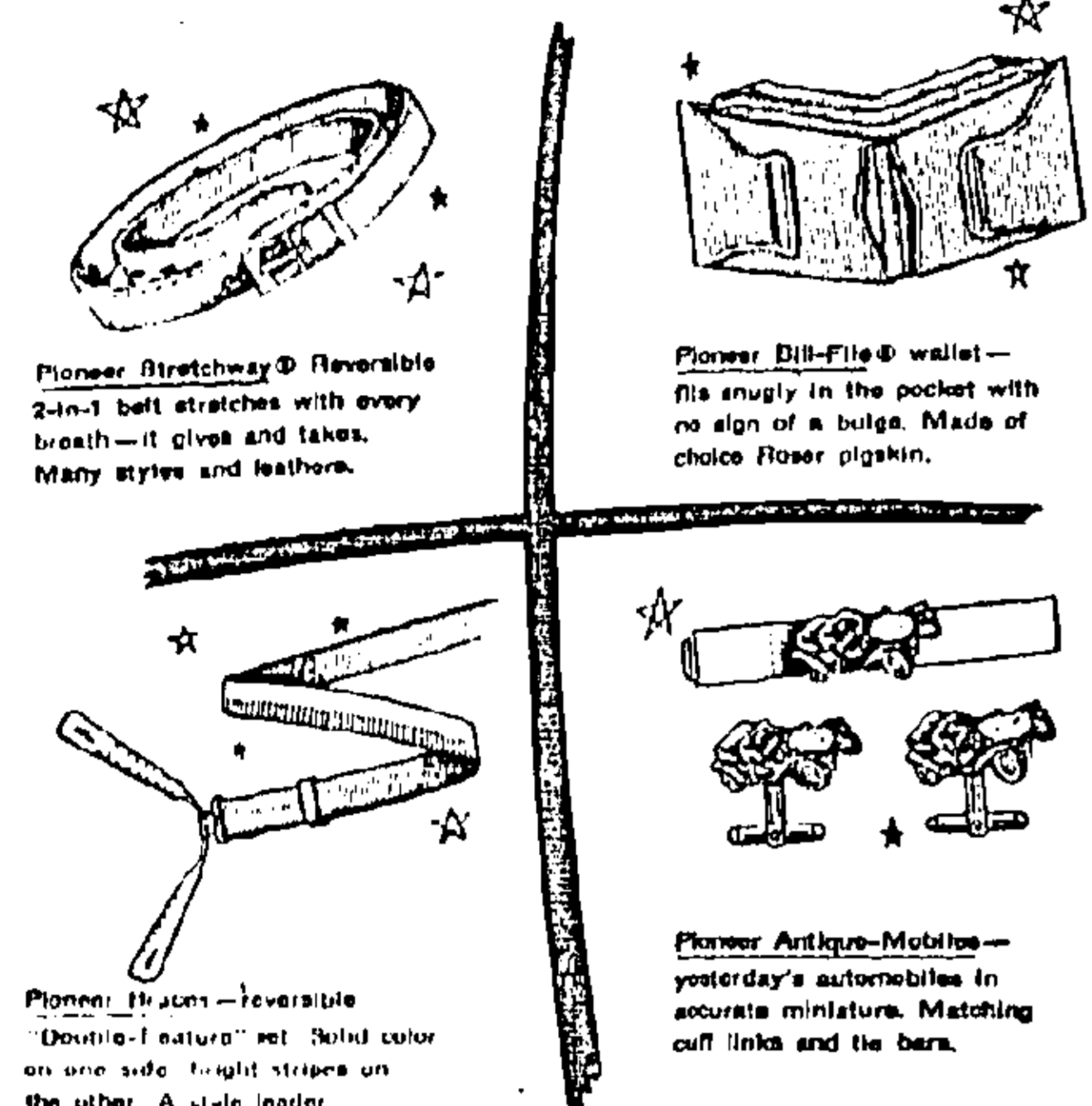
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# Sugar Ray Defies NBA

## DIFFICULT TIMES AHEAD FOR ENZO FERRARI

Enzo Ferrari, Italy's 66-year-old racing car builder, believes that his team-captain Mike Hawthorn has made a wise decision in retiring after winning the world championship.

Says philosophical Ferrari: "He is irreplaceable. But I respect his judgment and I would never try to influence him now that I can see his mind is really made up."

"Hawthorn is a fine man—just like his father whom I first met at Brooklands in 1923 before Mike was born. He is doing very well in business. I wish him every success."

"After all, Mike is selling my Ferrari cars in Britain."

But he says he will be "carrying on" next year with a team consisting of Olivier Gendebien (Belgium), Jean Behra (France), Cliff Harrison (Britain), and Phil Hill and Dan Gurney (United States). Will Ferrari revoke his decision to race in Italy next season?

"No, I shall race on foreign circuits, where even the Russians seem now intend to have a go. But in Italy the authorities are against me."

"I was unjustly accused when the police seized my Mille Miglia cars after the de Portage disaster."

"In Italy the official attitude to car racing has changed over the years. At first it was exalted, then came mild encouragement, then toleration, and now it is condemned."

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## Australia's New Batting Talent

From ALEX BANNISTER

Hobart, Sunday.  
AUSTRALIA'S soundest judges follow two new Test batsmen have been discovered in Neil Marks, a left-hander, and Graham Thomas, both aged 20.

Playing for New South Wales against South Australia while the first Test was on, they broke the Sheffield Shield record for the sixth wicket by scoring 332. Marks, playing for the first time in a first-class match, hit a record 180 not out. Thomas, in his third game, made 189.

FOUR CENTURIES

Marks, an insurance clerk, is the son of a former New South Wales player who was a contemporary of Bradman. He has scored four centuries in Sydney grade cricket this season.

Thomas has been scoring centuries since he was 12.

The spectacular success of this young pair seems to block Ian Craig's immediate chance of returning to the State side of which he is captain, and has hopes of returning to lead Australia are rapidly receding.

## MCC MATCH IN BRAZIL ABANDONED

Rio De Janeiro, Dec. 23.  
Rain caused the abandonment of the MCC's match against the Rio De Janeiro club here today, the opening fixture in their tour of Brazil and Argentina.

The MCC, sent in to bat, had lost two wickets for 20 runs when the one-day game was abandoned.

Tomorrow the tourists start a two-day match against the Brazil Cricket Association here.

Reuter.

## CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN

The possibility of combinations when fianchettoed bishops face each other on a long diagonal is exemplified in this bright game between two of the most promising young players in the country (Moore v. Hosenman). 1 P-Q4, P-Q3; 2 P-QB4, P-QB4; 3 Kt-KB3; 4 P-B4, Kt-B3; 5 P-KB3, P-QK3; 6 B-K2; 7 P-Q5, P-Q3; 8 Q-O, Kt-B3; 9 B-B4, B-K2; 10 Kt-KB3, P-QB3; 11 Kt-B3; 12 Kt-B3, P-QB3; 13 B-B4, Kt-QB3; 14 P-QB3; 15 Q-Q4, Kt-B7; 16 B-K2, P-QB3; 17 P-QB3; 18 P-QB3; 19 Kt-B3; 20 R-B3; 21 Kt-B3; 22 R-B3; 23 Kt-B3; 24 R-B3; 25 Kt-B3; 26 R-B3; 27 Kt-B3; 28 R-B3; 29 Kt-B3; 30 R-B3; 31 Kt-B3; 32 R-B3; 33 Kt-B3; 34 R-B3; 35 Kt-B3; 36 R-B3; 37 Kt-B3; 38 R-B3; 39 Kt-B3; 40 R-B3; 41 Kt-B3; 42 R-B3; 43 Kt-B3; 44 R-B3; 45 Kt-B3; 46 R-B3; 47 Kt-B3; 48 R-B3; 49 Kt-B3; 50 R-B3; 51 Kt-B3; 52 R-B3; 53 Kt-B3; 54 R-B3; 55 Kt-B3; 56 R-B3; 57 Kt-B3; 58 R-B3; 59 Kt-B3; 60 R-B3; 61 Kt-B3; 62 R-B3; 63 Kt-B3; 64 R-B3; 65 Kt-B3; 66 R-B3; 67 Kt-B3; 68 R-B3; 69 Kt-B3; 70 R-B3; 71 Kt-B3; 72 R-B3; 73 Kt-B3; 74 R-B3; 75 Kt-B3; 76 R-B3; 77 Kt-B3; 78 R-B3; 79 Kt-B3; 80 R-B3; 81 Kt-B3; 82 R-B3; 83 Kt-B3; 84 R-B3; 85 Kt-B3; 86 R-B3; 87 Kt-B3; 88 R-B3; 89 Kt-B3; 90 R-B3; 91 Kt-B3; 92 R-B3; 93 Kt-B3; 94 R-B3; 95 Kt-B3; 96 R-B3; 97 Kt-B3; 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ABOVE: Balls fly when Tom Graveney was run out, stumped by Wally Groult in the fourth day of the first Test match between England and Australia on December 9.

Trevor Bailey refused to run for a quick single off Richie Benaud. The ball was fielded and returned smartly by Neil Harvey.

RIGHT: Tony Lock clean bowled by Ian Meckiff for one in the England's second innings on the fourth day of the first Test match, which Australia won by eight wickets.—UPI Telephotos.



LEFT: Bob Meadows of HMS Albion finishing the 5-mile race amidst applause at the Second Open Athletic Meet organised by the HKAAA at Boundary Street last Sunday. Meadows, who is a newcomer to the Colony, clocked 25 mins 48 seconds. He has already to his credit a 3-mile victory over former well-known local long distance champion Bob Pape whom he beat in the Royal Navy Championships in London last July. — China Mail photo.



ABOVE UPPER: Caesar (No. 2) with Ostroumoff up winning the Battersea Park Handicap for Class 7 ponies over six furlongs during the second day of the Fifth Race Meeting at Happy Valley last Saturday.

Caesar just noses out the favourite Wise Leader (K. Kwok) at the finish, to pay its backers \$30.30 for a win.

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ABOVE LOWER: High Noon (U. Kum-lun) provided an early surprise in last Saturday's races when it won the opening race to pay a dividend of \$39.40. Here it (near the rail) is shown fighting out the finish with Crackerjack (No. 1). — China Mail Photos.

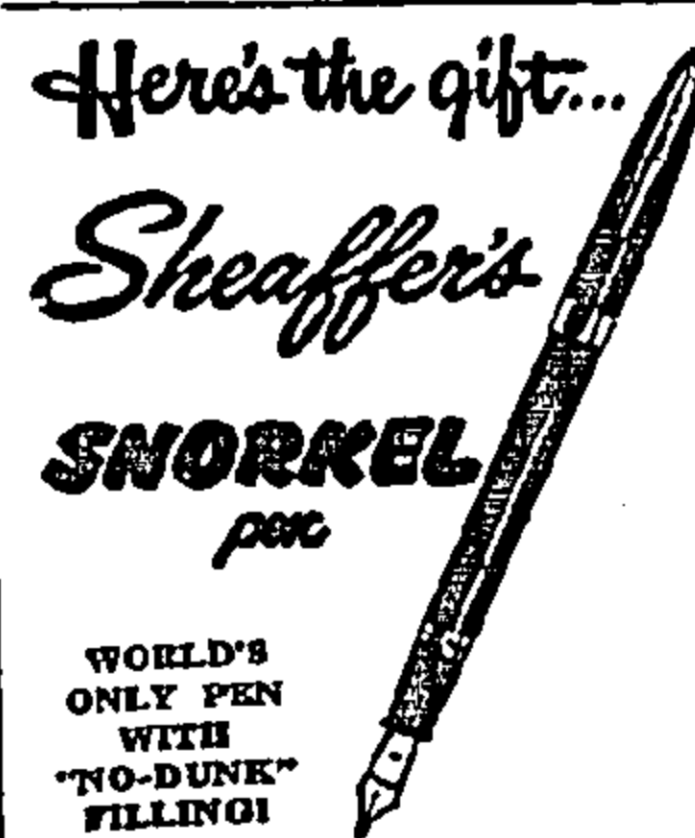
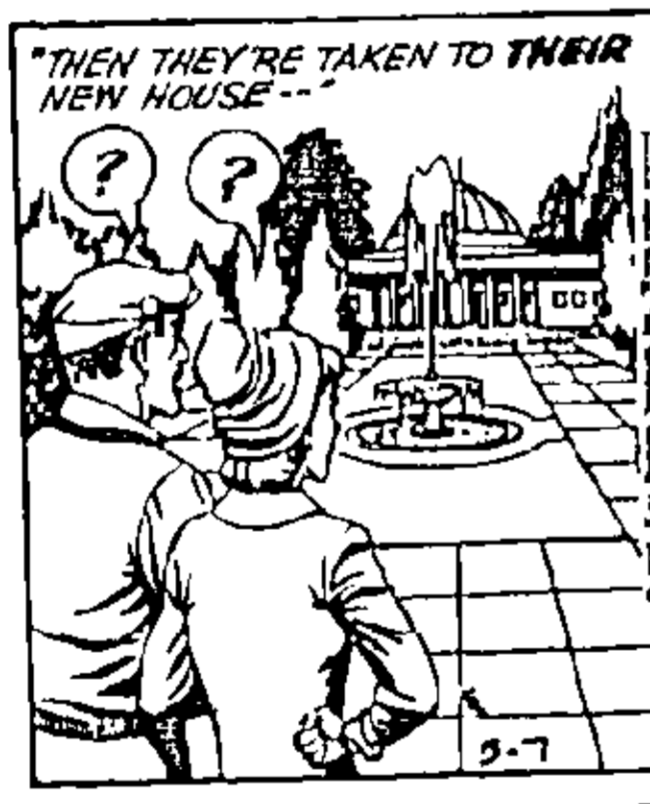
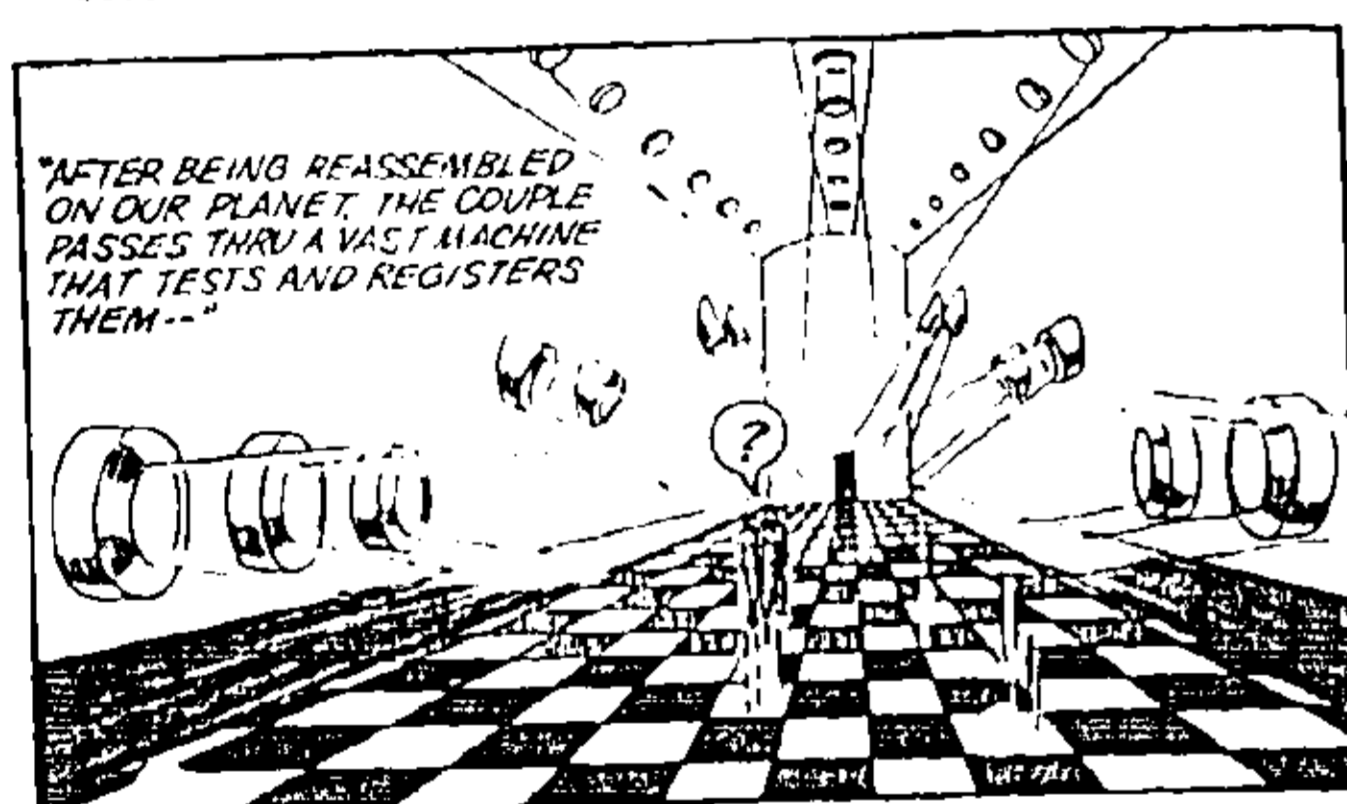


RIGHT: Kowloon Motor Bus scoring their first goal in their first division league match against Police last Sunday. The busmen won by four goals to two in what was generally described as one of the roughest games of the season. Police's left-half Tsang Wah was penalised out on the KMB right wing. KMB right-winger Chow Shun-hung caught the Police defenders napping with a hard shot and here the ensuing noise is shown during which Tsang Wah put the ball into his own net. — China Mail photo.

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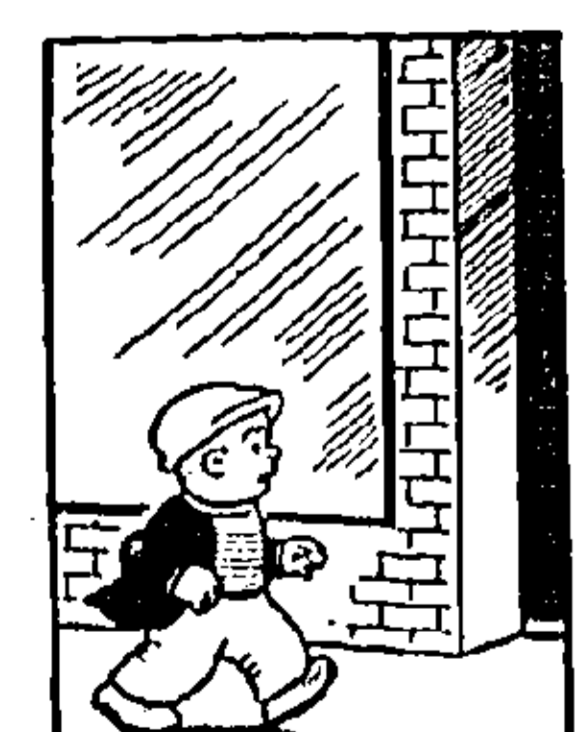
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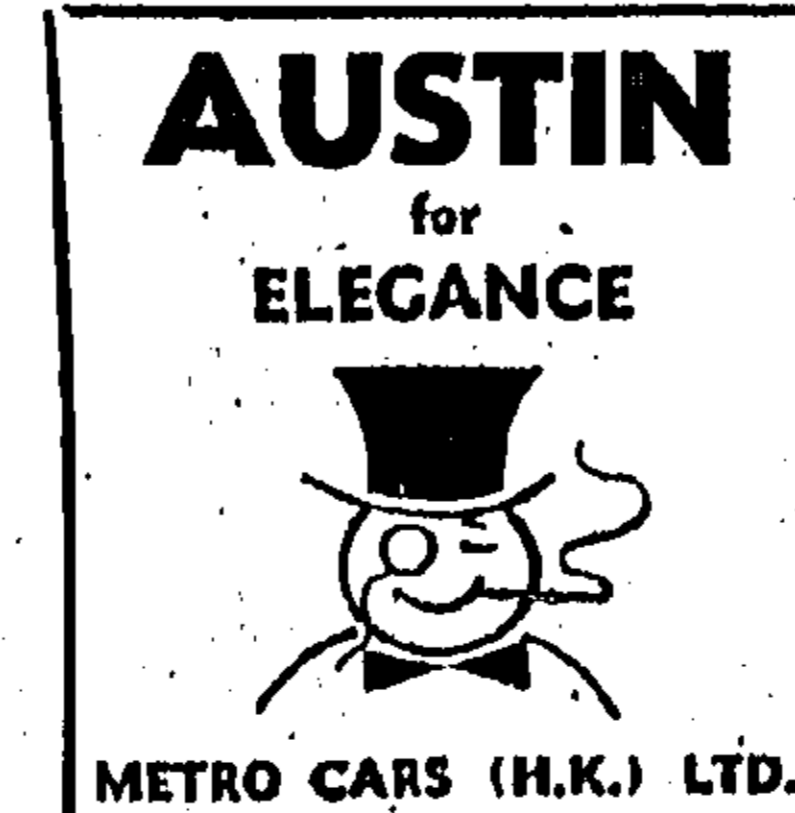
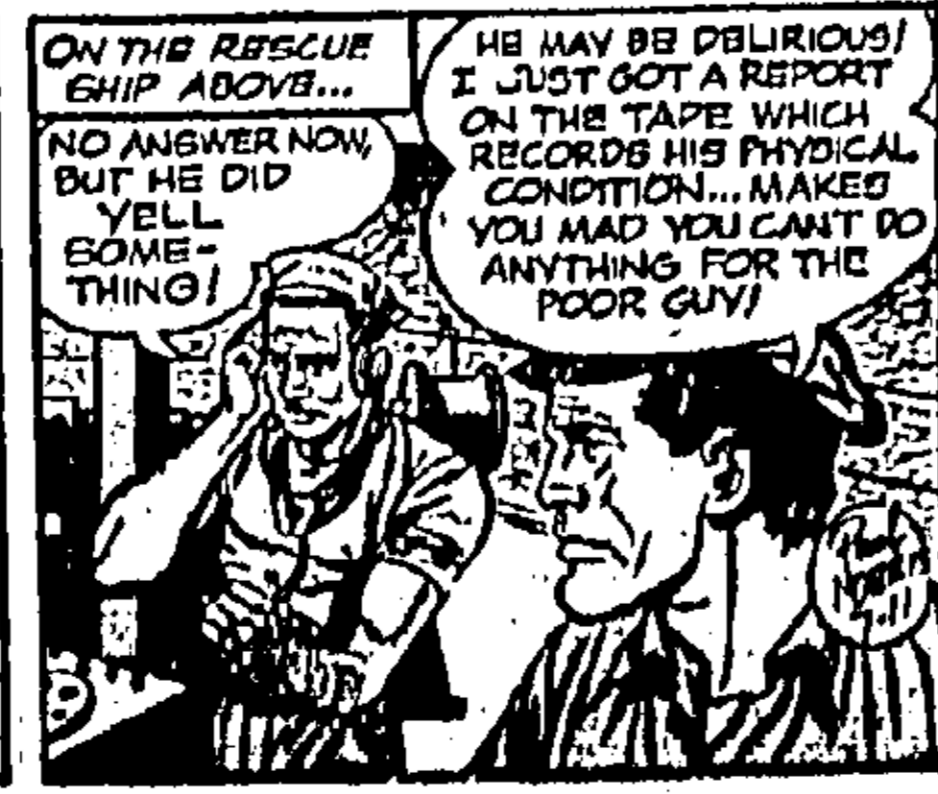
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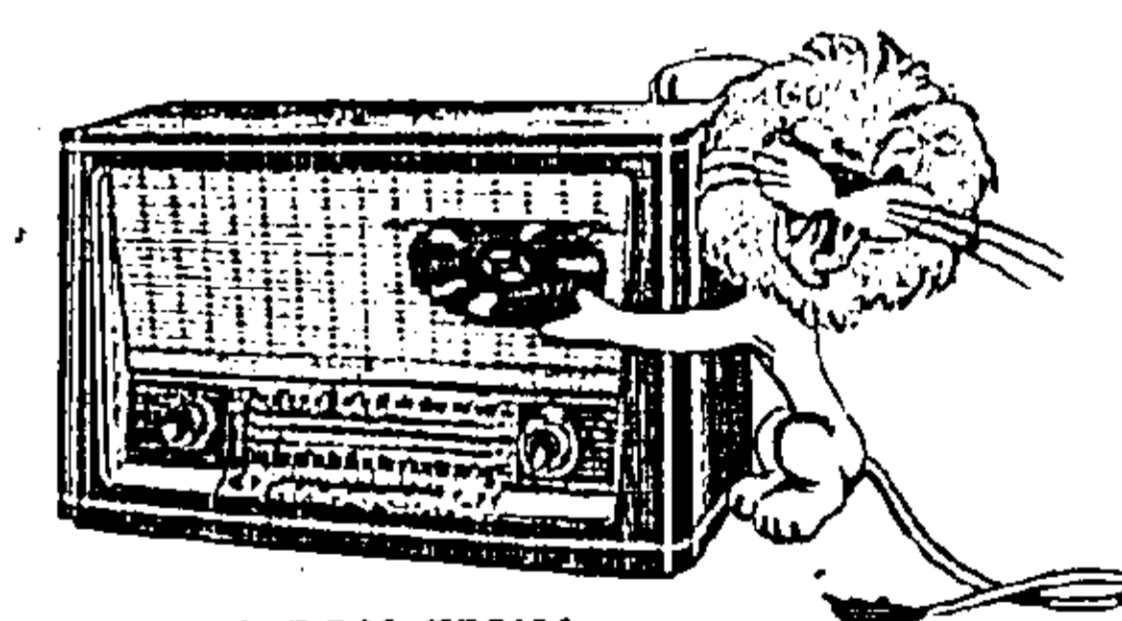
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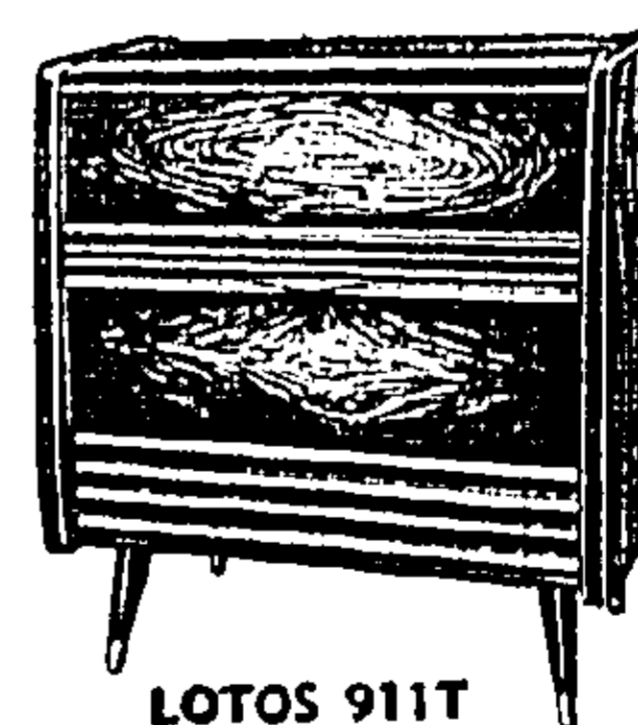
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# THE PEPPERY OLD SOLDIER WAS A MOTHER

## Dr Barry Kept Her Secret From The Army For 40 Years

By Sidney Taylor

London.

The story of a woman who served for more than 40 years as a medical officer in the British Army, even becoming Inspector-General of Hospitals, is told in a new book "The Strange Story of Dr James Barry" by Isobel Rae. It was not discovered until Barry died in 1865, aged about 70, that "he" was really a woman. There were even indications that "he" had given birth to a child when very young.

Although the story has inspired two novels, this first factual biography of Dr Barry and it has been written with full access to the records of the case at the War Office. At the height of "his" fame, Barry was a diminutive but very peppery figure, with dyed red hair and high-pitched voice, looking rather like a full-dress uniform with a cocked hat.

Little is known of Barry's early years. She had friends in high places and may have been the illegitimate child of a nobleman, perhaps of a royal prince. It was as a "male" student that she went to Edinburgh University and graduated brilliant. She continued her deception while training at St. Thomas' Hospital, in London.

### Flirted

In 1813, she was gazetted as a hospital assistant in the army. Barry was then fighting Napoleon in Spain. Men with medical degrees were at a premium, which may explain why there was no physical examination. There was influence behind her. Her chief at one garrison town who objected to her "childish" appearance was told that it was "desirable not to agitate the question."

At the end of 1815, Dr Barry was posted to Cape Town as an assistant surgeon, with a letter of introduction from the Earl of Buchan to the Governor, Lord Charles Somerset. She lived simply at a boarding house in the Heerengracht. At town dances, she flirted with all the best-looking women.

Count de Las Cases, a Frenchman who eventually went into exile with Napoleon and wrote a book about him, described Barry when he had met in Cape Town, as "a boy with the form, the manners and the face of a woman."

But she won fame in Cape Town for her skill as a surgeon and especially for performing a successful Caesarean section—an operation which was usually fatal at that time.

Years before Florence Nightingale, the Crimean War heroine, Dr Barry was a crusader for better nursing and more hygienic conditions in the army. But she was tactless and had a disastrous contempt for authority. She made an enemy of many people, including the Colonial Secretary, Sir Richard Plunket.

### Floggings

She urged the need to keep lepers and prisoners clean, to wash their sores, and change bed linen and clothing frequently.

## "All Sensitive People Must Recoil"

The largest work ever created by the sculptor Sir Henry Moore has just been erected outside the new palatial headquarters of UNESCO in Paris.

Weighing 30 tons and called "Reclining Figure of a Woman," it stands on a massive stone table, dominating one side of the building.

The choice of Moore for this important project means that he is recognised as the greatest living sculptor. His works can now be seen in nearly all the great capitals of the world. It is a remarkable success story, for Henry Moore was born in Castleford, Yorkshire, 63 years ago—one of seven children of a coal miner.

His father wanted him to become a teacher, but he resolved to be a sculptor at the age of 11 when he was inspired by the story of Michelangelo at the local Sunday school.

### No Doubt

From the beginning of his studies there was never a doubt in his mind that he was destined to become a professional sculptor. He was intensely serious about his work and had an unshakable self-confidence which bordered on severity.

Moore was never satisfied with merely reproducing the eye would see. He always turned to go much deeper, to seek a third dimension. For this reason his work has stirred up many violent controversies.

As early as 1933 an art critic wrote: "Sensitive people, especially women, must shudder in face of these monstrousities." And a few years ago, a Mayor of Auckland, New Zealand, saw a local exhibition of Moore's work and announced publicly: "I have never seen the art gallery so desecrated by such a disgusting sight. These figures, offending against all known anatomy, are to me repulsive."

Henry Moore is unmoved by such violent attacks on his art. "I am used to criticism—I can take it philosophically," he says.

### Gaping Holes

Laymen are often puzzled by his works, especially by the figures in which he puts gaping holes. But there is no doubt that the sculptor is sincerely striving to achieve a certain effect, not just developing a gimmick.

He once said: "Spaces between forms, holes in things, are always an obsession with me. Space is an element as important as what is solid and material." But if the public is still bewildered by the works of this elderly genius, most of the critics have been won over to his side.

Today, Moore can command a higher price for his work than any other living sculptor. But he lives very simply in an unpretentious house at Perry Green, Much Hadham, Herts.

He has a Russian-born wife, Irene, whom he married nearly 30 years ago, and one daughter, Mary, aged 12.

There is no difficulty in recognising the home of the world's greatest sculptor. The living room is crowded with small pieces of sculpture. And in the field at the back of the house are giant pieces of statuary which would fill a dozen studios.

Many members, yet but one body—I Corinthians 12:20. There is an essential unity in humanity, and particularly among like-minded people. We are members one of another.

Press-Radio Bible Service, The Cincinnati, Ohio.



Sir Henry Moore  
"Space is an obsession to me."

## BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

AN American restaurant which encourages customers not only to choose their own steaks but to brand their names on them with hot irons is running a risk.

The management is, no doubt, taking precautions against steak-rustling by bad men. But what about the stranger who kicks open the restaurant door, shoots out the lights, carries off the steaks to a hide-out where the manager's posse cannot find him, and removes the brands?

**Light relief**  
THERE was prolonged laughter when Mr. E. L. Givens, a Portsmouth egg sorter, said: "Bald egg-operatives like Mr. Kippings should wear wigs. A bald man among eggs is asking for trouble."

The chairman then told a story of a weedy bishop who, at a confirmation service, said to the elderly man with the large bald head who was kneeling before him, "I declare this stone—this—er—truly laid." C. Suet Esq. recalled the meeting to the issue by reading passages from a chapter of Professor Gong's "Some Aspects of Egg Codification."

**In passing**  
SYMPATHISE with the protests of those who think that bands which sound like boobies quarrelling in the jungle ought to be able to find their own "composers," instead of mas-

sacring the old popular songs. And I read a complaint that "we are being plagued by mock cha-chas. I will wager they are no worse than cha-chas, whatever they are."

**The solution**  
DEAR SIR,  
Instead of cutting down bus services, why not fill the empty vehicles with the surplus coal, and reserve some seats in the others for heaps of coal? Any passenger purchasing a ticket could be sold a bag of coal at a bargain price. This would restore the waiting popularity of both buses and coal. (Mrs) Emily McFritter.

**TARGET**  
HOW many words of four letters can you make from the letters in the word "TARGET"? The letters in each word must be used once only. Each word must contain the letters T, A, R, G, E, T in the same order. There must be at least one letter in between. No plurals, no foreign words, no proper names. TODAY'S TARGET is a word of four letters, very good, so good it is a solution tomorrow.

**SOLUTION**  
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## AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER By H. King Wood

# Battle Of Wits For Control Of The Treasury

Sydney (By Airmail).

One of the biggest behind-the-scenes shake-ups in top-level politics is likely to follow the appointment of Mr Harold Holt as Federal Treasurer in place of Sir Arthur Fadden.

There are all the signs of a battle of wits for Commonwealth Treasury dominance between Treasurer Harold Holt and Sir Roland Wilson, the permanent head of the Treasury.

Both are recognised as two of the strongest-willed men in political life and the outcome of their clash will decide whether Australia will continue its super-cautious financial policy or adopt a mildly expansionist policy more alive to employment figures and the need for a migrational-enlarged population to fill jobs in the years ahead.

Sir Roland is a man with his share of enemies who regard him as cold-blooded, but all look upon him as being fearless, a brilliant financial technician and a most efficient and capable administrator.

In theory, the permanent head of a Federal Department and its Minister should work in close harmony, with the Minister having the final say in the event of a dispute.

In practice, however, it seldom works that way. Ministers either dominate their departments or, more often, are dominated by them.

It has been an open secret for many years that Sir Arthur Fadden, now retired from politics, was by no means the dominant partner in the relationship between himself and Sir Roland Wilson and that the financial policy of the Commonwealth for so long has been the major party, the financial policy of the permanent head of the Treasury rather than the elected Treasurer of the Commonwealth.

Sydney City Council tow-away trucks removed 5,984 illegally parked vehicles in the year ended June 30 last.

The Parking Advisory Committee, in its annual report tabled in Parliament last week, said that years of practical experience had demonstrated that fines did not effectively deter illegal parking. In any case fines were an after-the-event measure and did not give on-the-spot traffic relief.

Further to indicate that the poor old motorist is more down-trodden than most, the Commissioner for Motor Transport has reported that the State Government last financial year collected \$8,535,930 from motor tax and \$3,069,480 from motor registration and drivers licence fees.

A total of 941,693 motor vehicles were registered in the

## Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere, in general, are earlier than the G.P.O. times can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office. The latest postage rates for registered articles are generally one hour earlier than the times shown below. Parcel rates can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

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Formosa, Korea, 6 p.m.  
Japan, Dutch New Guinea, 6 p.m.  
Iran, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.  
Ceylon, 6 p.m.  
China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.  
By Surface  
Malaya, Aden, Egypt, Great Britain, Europe, 10 p.m.  
Australia, New Zealand, 10 p.m.  
Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 10 p.m.  
Thailand, Burma, Malaya, India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Australia, New Zealand, 10 p.m.  
Formosa, Korea, 10 p.m.  
Japan, Dutch New Guinea, 10 p.m.  
Iran, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 10 p.m.  
Ceylon, 10 p.m.  
China, People's Republic, 10 p.m.

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**LEWIS & MURPHY:** "Raw Wind in Eden," starring Esther Williams and Jeff Chandler.  
**LEE & ASTOR:** "The Square Peg," starring Norman Wisdom.  
**ROXY & BROADWAY:** "Son of Robin Hood," starring Al Hedgcock, June Laverick and David Farrar.  
**KOOVER & PARAMOUNT:** "The Badlanders," starring Alan Ladd and Ernest Borgnine.  
**REIZ:** "Gunman's Walk," starring Van Heflin and Tab Hunter.  
**MAJESTIC:** "In Love and War," starring Robert Wagner, Dana Wynter and Jeffery Hunter.  
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1958.

**SHEAFFER'S**  
*Skrip*

## NASSER ATTACK ON REDS — A SENSATION

By ALEX JOANNIDES

Cairo, Dec. 23.

President Nasser's attack today on Communists — the first since in 1954 he branded them as "Zionist agents" — created a sensation in foreign diplomatic quarters.

Observers noted that ever since the Soviet arms deal in 1955, although Communism has been suppressed in Egypt, there had been no public criticism of Communists on President Nasser's part.

They viewed the President's speech today in Port Said as a new era in "Nasserist" policy. His branding of the Syrian Communists as enemies of Arab nationalism may not only affect the Communist position in United Arab Republic—where their activity is already limited, as the Communist Party is banned—but throughout the Middle East where they have so far been admitted as the nationalists' uneasy allies.

### Aimed At Iraq

Although he specifically referred only to Syrian Communists, observers viewed his attack as being more an after-

effect of the Communist conflict with the nationalists in Iraq. President Nasser's grateful reference in his speech to the Soviet Union's multiple aid to the U.A.R. was regarded by the Syrians as indicative of the President's belief that his attack against Arab Communism would not jeopardise the close and friendly relationship between Cairo and Moscow.

Moscow radio in its Arab language service this evening gave a 75-word summary of President Nasser's speech but made no reference to his attack on Communists.

Radio Baghdad also made no mention of Nasser's attack on Syrian Communists.

### On The Mend

Paris, Dec. 23. Four Yugoslav physicians given bone marrow grafts at the Curie Foundation here in October after suffering an overdose of irradiation during an atomic accident, have passed the critical stage and are progressively improving, the foundation announced tonight. — Reuter

## MPs Boycott Ghana Parliament

Accra, Dec. 24.

An emergency meeting of Ghana's National Assembly has been called for today following announcement of an almost complete opposition party boycott of Parliament until 40 party members now detained are brought to trial.

No reason for the session was announced.

The Prime Minister, Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, is on a night's visit to London. The detainees are alleged to have plotted his assassination.

The Opposition United Party's chairman, Dr. K.A. Busia, announced yesterday his party members would attend only the first meetings of the Assembly, to retain their seats, and then boycott the proceedings until an adjournment.

### Abuse

"The abuse to which the Government is putting the Preventive Detention Act by arresting and imprisoning without trial political opponents and Members of Parliament against whom allegations of serious crimes have been made is an outrageous attack on freedom and democracy," he said.

"The parliamentary system which requires the functioning of a government party and an official Opposition cannot function under such an abuse of power."

An Accra Divisional Court hearing will continue today on challenge to an order signed by Dr. Nkrumah on November 10 for the detention of the 40 Opposition party members and officials now held in two grim, centuries-old fortress prisons here. — Reuter.

## Government Appointments Gazetted

The Government Gazette today announced the following appointments, transfers, promotions and postings:

Mr H. M. A. Brishaw to be Assistant Secretary, Colonial Secretariat.

Mr D. C. Barty ceased to be Assistant Director of Commerce and Industry on proceeding on leave.

Mr Charles Frederick Harbert to be Acting Assistant Superintendent of Police.

Miss Williamina Mackay Keys to be a School Mistress, Education Department, on agreement.

Miss May Li Pak ceased to act as Matron, Class II on resumption of duty by Miss C. W. Leadbetter.

Miss Margaret Joan Hughes to be a Nursing Sister on agreement.

Miss Wendy Hussain, Miss Nora Ng, Miss Kitty Pang, Miss Anne Cheung and Miss Helen Ho to be Nursing Sisters.

## DOCTORS WARNING ON PARAFFIN

London, Dec. 24.

Liquid paraffin, under suspicion since 1948 as a possible cause of cancer, is today blamed for a certain type of pneumonia in adults, known as oil aspiration pneumonia.

Dr Gilbert Forbes and Dr Andrew Bradley, of the forensic medicine department, Sheffield University, said in the British Medical Journal that liquid paraffin gains access to the lungs most easily by its use as an ingredient of nasal or oral sprays.

Evidence suggests that, once in the lung, liquid paraffin remains as an inert foreign body for many years, and probably permanently. About 20 per cent of nose drops and sprays is still being manufactured in a medium containing liquid paraffin, and the doctors feel their manufacture in an oily medium should be stopped. — Reuter.

## MY YEAR IN RED CHINA

Singapore.

ON a hot June day in 1956, an attractive Chinese woman walked a hundred and three paces across the narrow bridge at Shum-chun and passed quietly from Hongkong into China.

Like many other overseas Chinese, she thought she could build a new life for herself and her child in China. She was aware that China had at last turned her back on a hundred years of humiliations and defeats and that a new dynastic cycle had begun. So, when a Communist official said: "We embrace you into the bosom of the Motherland. There is nothing to fear, for we are like one big happy family," she felt an exhilaration akin to joy.

A year passed. Then she appeared on that narrow bridge again walking that same hundred and three paces—the other way. Now she was disenchanted and disillusioned, finding an uneasy ambivalence in the knowledge that in the last, regimented world of China she had no place.

### Peking Blues

So she sat down and wrote a book about her experiences in China, and entitled it "Peking Blues." Her book will be published in Hongkong early next year and she herself is now in Singapore with her child. Her name is Mrs Liao Sen. She is 28 and a widow.

Mr Liao was born and educated in Singapore. In 1949 she left for Hongkong where she stayed till she went to England with her husband in 1952. She studied for a while in England at the School of Oriental Studies of the University of London. Then in 1956 she decided to return to China.

The book of her experiences deserves to be read, not for its literary style or for its conventional love story, but for its description of what awaits overseas Chinese who return to China expecting the country to conform to all the fanciful notions conjured up by half-remembered stories and volumes translated by Wailey or Legge.

### Idealism

A common failing among overseas Chinese is their idealism or nationalism or oppression or the disabilities of a second class citizenship—is to regard a return to China as a nostrum for all their ills.

They tend to visualise China in terms of the Great Wall and the West Lake, of eccentric scholars and roguish puns, of profoundly and wit, shuttlescocks and rice, courtyards and moon-gates, the taste of hot meat dumplings, the tang of rose petal wine, fortune tellers, cricket lights, the arch of a bamboo, a boy on a buffalo, a maiden's plaintive song.

But such notions are as outdated as the Opium Wars and the Boxer Rebellion. They are perpetuated only by incurable romanticism and that strange breed of "professional Chinese" who play the buffoon around Park Avenue penthouses and Kensington drawing-rooms.

Today China is the clenched fist, the smiling portrait of Mao, shouted slogans, production figures, Five-Year Plans, dialectical materialism, political essays, brain-washing, criticism meetings, labour camps, the new puritanism, the annihilation of individualism, the contumely of party cadres, the visits by the security police and the nameless fear that lingers all through the night.

### 100 Flowers

Mrs Liao visited China during a period of comparative liberalism, when a hundred flowers were allowed to bloom. But even then she found so many aspects of life so utterly intolerable. For example, for a society which aims at being classless, the class distinctions are much more rigid there than on the outside.

"The class distinctions in China are what disgusted me most," Mrs Liao said in an



Mrs Liao Sen

interview at her Tanglin flat. "Right at the top are the party members, and even they are sub-divided. The best seats at plays and operas are reserved for them. The big hotels and places like the International Club are open only to them and to foreigners. After them come the intellectuals, the labour heroes and so on. Each group keeps pretty much to itself and there is very little mixing."

Another distasteful feature of life for Mrs Liao was the lack of freedom. One had to get permits to travel to other parts of the country and even if one wanted to spend a night at a friend's home one had to first register with the district police.

On the fate of overseas Chinese lured back by the bait of free education, Mrs Liao said: "Overseas Chinese are first of all put into special schools to have their minds readjusted. These schools provide a mild form of brain-washing. After political indoctrination the smart ones are given technical training in universities. About ten per cent of the overseas Chinese who return ever get through the university level."

### Has To Leave

"Once a student fails in an examination he has to leave to work in a factory, often on night shift. Once he is given such a job, he is supposed to stick to it for life. If he does not like the job, he can quit, but then the government will not help him find another job."

"Some of the overseas Chinese students are really in a pitiful condition. A lot of them are jobless and they have no money because they have been disowned by their families. The government gives them an allowance of 60 cents a day, which is about

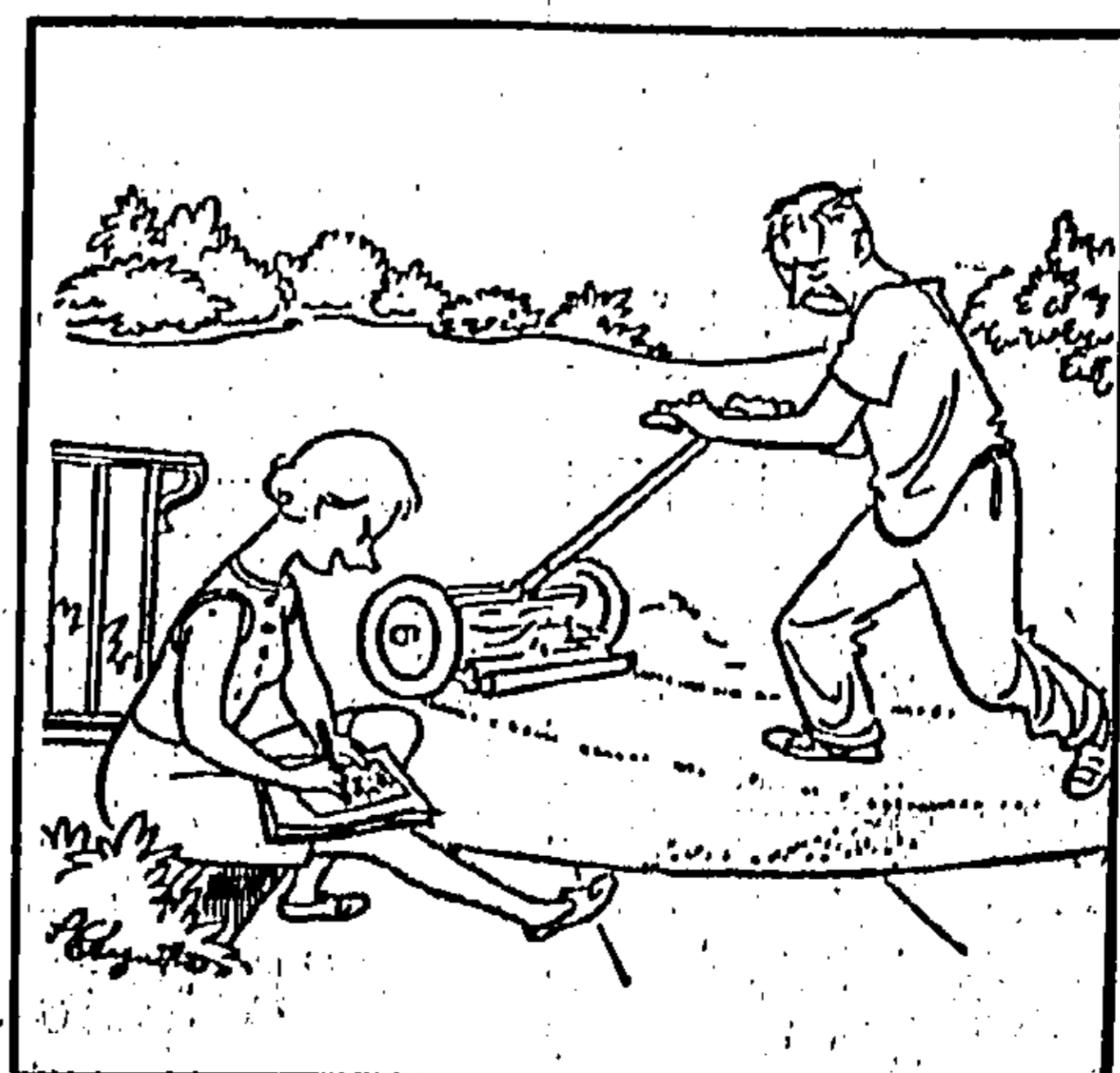
### Regret & Pain

And as a parting thought, Mrs Liao sums up her feelings in these words:

"I never think of China without feeling a deep sense of regret and pain. I had felt so different when first I ventured in. I went in with soaring hopes for a bright future, but came out saddened, weary and disillusioned. Yet, I'm glad I discovered for myself what my country is like in reality, not the Utopia of my dreams. I have since asked myself how much loyalty we overseas Chinese owe to our Motherland? "For to us our country is like the promised land where all our youthful hopes can be fulfilled. Now I wonder if it is not by far better and wiser to love and cherish it from afar, for like all idols there are bound to be blemishes when closely inspected."

By DAVID T. K. WONG

## This Funny World



"Thirty times back and forth is only 807 yards. Now when you're playing 18 holes of golf—"

From the Files

**25 years AGO**

From Sydney came a report that the bell of the German cruiser *Emden*, which was sunk by the Australian cruiser *HMAS Sydney* off the Cocos Islands during the First World War, stolen from the Sydney War Museum last April and believed to have been taken back to Germany, was found today by the representative of a leading Australian newspaper.

This is the second time the bell has been stolen and buried in a public park.

The total rainfall recorded during December at the Botanic Gardens was 1.55 inches.

AFTER being detained for a short while, a big consignment of opium passing through Peking from Calgan to Tientsin, was released. It consists of 2,400 cases, of a value of over \$500,000. The consignment has now been sent to Tientsin.

The shipment was in the charge of a man named Li Tze-kwang, and an escort of ten soldiers.

When gendarmes boarded the train to seize the opium, Li protested saying that it was the property of a certain influential person in Changai and was being sent to another influential person in Tientsin as a present.

Another report states that the influential person telegraphed to the local authorities saying that the consignment was to be sold in Tientsin and winter clothes were to be purchased for his soldiers with the proceeds. He explained that he would not have had to do this if his troops had been paid regularly. As a result of this explanation, the opium shipment was released.

Another record to the East has been established by an Air-Orient mail-plane flying between Marseilles and Saigon. The French airliner, *Emeraude*, making the inaugural flight of a proposed service, left Le Bourget on December 22, with five passengers and a crew of three together with mail.

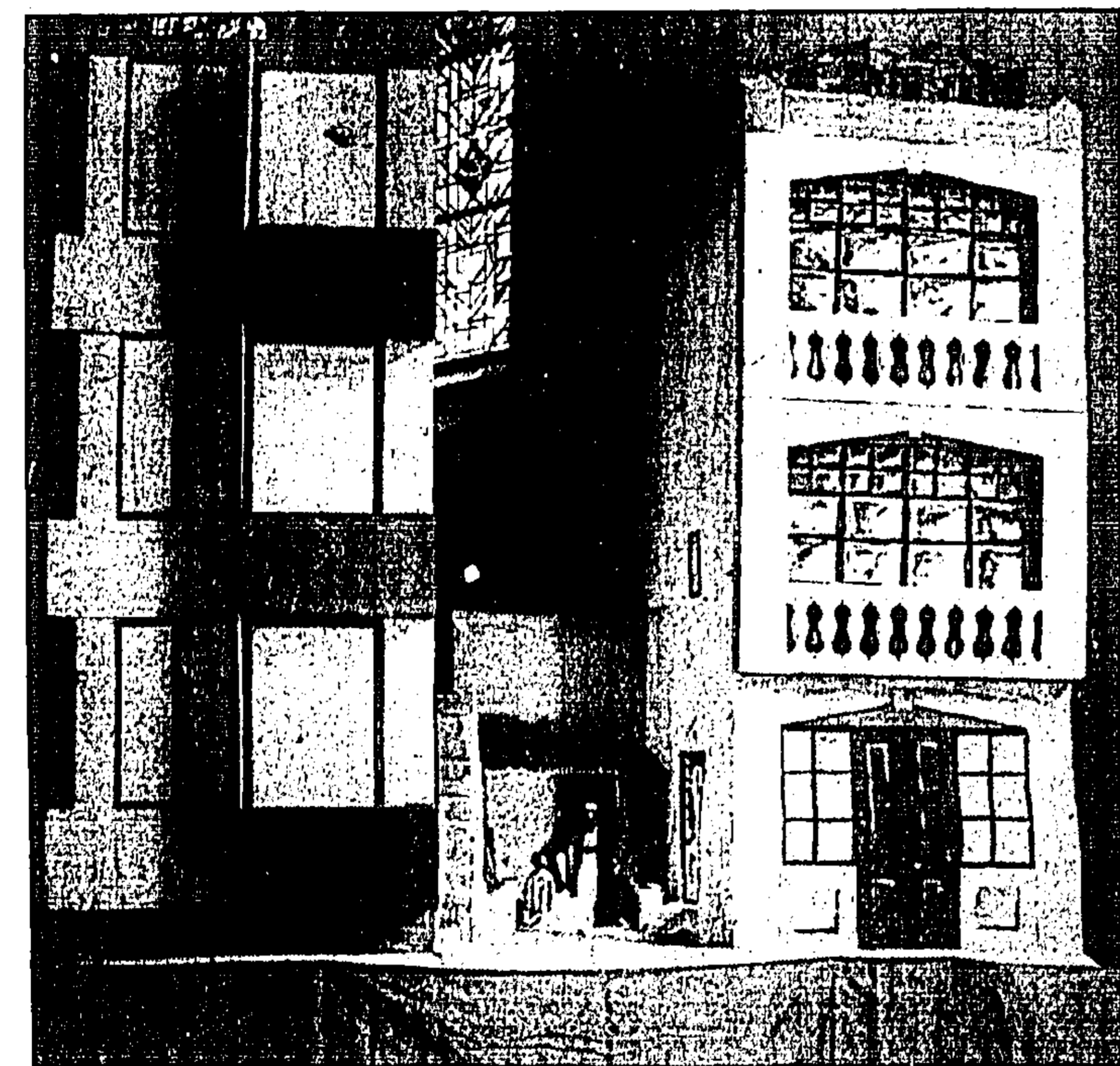
The aircraft arrived in Saigon at 5.30 p.m. on December 29.

IN a letter to the Editor, "Ajax" asks: "Sir, what is one to believe regarding the world situation? In today's issue of the S. C. M. Post, you publish optimistic messages from the world's leaders with the significant exception of His Holiness the Pope, who as leader of a very much international church, is probably better informed of world condition than any of the Foreign Offices. He remains silent."

"I do not want to be an alarmist but allow me to ask, are we prepared for it in Hongkong and is the Empire prepared? I would say No, and face my contention on the just and fair criticism sporadically appearing in the local Press, on the weakness of our fighting forces and last but not least, the utter decay of our mercantile Marine, the very life nerve of our nation in peace and in war."

"I have heard it said that the English are God's chosen people. I do not doubt it for reasons which are only too obvious."

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Above is a photograph of a Hongkong-style Crib, designed and made by the Rev. John Foster, Chaplain of St John's Cathedral. Mr Foster decided that the usual crib scene of Mary, Joseph, the child Jesus, the Wise Men, the Angels and the cattle was inappropriate for Hongkong. So he gave the familiar scene a local angle. Here is the "cattle shed" with Mary, Joseph and the child inside. Flanking it on either side are old and new apartment blocks. On their walls are advertisements for Chinese opera and cinema. The crib is situated in the sub-transcript of the Cathedral. — China Mail Photo.



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May your Christmas be merry and long remembered! May your New Year be joyous and abound in happiness!

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